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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR



Above: Our boy is off to High School this year! Jensen will start Year 7 at the Hunter School of Performing Arts. We're a bit proud.

Here we are, ready and raring for another year!! I do hope that everyone had a relaxing break over Christmas and New Year and are super charged to take on the second half of the 22/23 bowling calendar which is jam packed.

The Australian Indoor Qualifiers were played in January. Congratulations to Michael Beesley (*Soldiers Point*), Shane Evans (*Raymond Terrace*), Barry Mungoven (*East Maitland*) and Damian Robb (*Cardiff*) who qualified for the Men's Division. Women's qualifiers are Carolyn Glen (*Kurri Kurri*), Terrie-Ann Jones (*Cardiff*), Leisa Morgan and Eugenie "Oosh" Muncaster (*Kurri Kurri*). Well done guys, and good bowling up at Tweed Heads in August. Job well done to East Cessnock, East Maitland and Soldiers Point who were the host venues for qualifying rounds. It's great that the area can provide the facilities for bowlers to participate in these types of events.

The State Rookies Finals will be held probably before most of you read this. Raymond Terrace is the host starting with the Pairs on Saturday 4th and Singles on Sunday 5th February. Qualifiers from our readership are **SINGLES**: Joel Field (*Charlestown*), Shaun O'Toole (*Kurri Kurri*) and Jason Lawrence (*Pacific Palms*), **PAIRS**: David Henderson & Anthony Priestley (*Raymond Terrace*), Stephen Jones & Keegan Jones (*Dungog Memorial*) and Peter Hickman & Colin Morley (*Old Bar Beach*). Good bowling guys. We will follow up next month.

It's a bit of a short report this month. The calendar is about to explode though, so I am sure it will be hard to shut me up in the coming months. Open Gender Pennants will commence at the end of the month for Grades 2-7. We wish everyone the very best of bowling and look forward to seeing which clubs raise a flag.

We also have the BPL#17 in Moama to look forward to watching from February 20-24. Natasha Van Eldik (*Raymond Terrace*) is playing with Melbourne eXtreme. A number of matches will be livestreamed culminating with the **Finals Series from 4pm – 10.10pm Friday 24th Feb**. For more info see Bowls Australia Bowslink website <https://results.bowslink.com.au/>

Zone 2 are launching a new event to replace the mid-week Pennants which sounds pretty exciting. I don't know too much at this stage, but I believe it is "sets play" style like the Big Bowls Challenge and I heard that last end is double points! We will find out some more on this event which spans from Wednesday March 1 and until May 10 (every Wednesday). Good luck to all.

Remember! The magazine is now available ONLINE, visit our website www.onthegreen.net.au If you would like a link emailed to you when it becomes available, let us know by emailing otgbowl@yahoo.com.au with the subject heading "MAILING LIST". If you could include your name, club and best contact number as well that would be great.

Take care everyone. Catch you next month.

HARRINGTON WOMEN

By Jeanette Moloney,



Above L-R: Harrington Women's Triples Champions
Lyn Else, Joan Rubio and Lee Benson

On 24th January we played our Triple Championship Finals. A very good game with many great bowls played. Winners were Joan Rubio, Lyn Else and Lee Benson. Runners up were Kath Hickson, Brenda Dyer and Jessie Spencer. Well done ladies.

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From the Administrator's Desk

By Warren Shipley, NDBA Sports Administrator

CLUBS TO DECIDE ON CALENDAR FOR 2023/24

Hopefully, by now a representative from your Zone 2 club has returned the voting form for the calendar for the 2023/24 season which will commence on July 1 this year. The Zone plays, not 2nd but 3rd fiddle as far as planning events as Bowls Australia and Bowls NSW have 1st and 2nd choice on where they place their events for the season. Once this has been completed it is the Zone match committee that is left to fill the gaps with local events plotted around the dates that has already been taken and ensuring that events are completed in time for the champions to move on to State Finals.

Although the official Calendar had not been released by Bowls NSW as yet, a sneak peak at the draft shows that the State Championships have been moved to the 1st 2 weeks in March 2024 which will disrupt the Pennant season normally commencing in late February add to this Easter falling in late March and the Pennant winners needing to be notified to BNSW by the end of May it is a juggling act to get the 10 rounds plus final series completed to everyone's satisfaction. The other consideration is, to give the Zone winners time to plan their trip to the State Finals and book accommodation etc, with the Finals to be played the last weekend in June, finishing in late May is cutting really fine for those clubs that will be advancing so it is hoped that the clubs can agree on a plan that will see the pennant competition completed in mid to early May. To do this the Pennant competition would need to commence in very early February or double header weekends be introduced. History tells us that members are not a fan of the Double header weekends having to play Saturday afternoon and then again on Sunday but it may well be unavoidable with the extreme weather conditions that can be experienced in early February with temperatures reaching the high 30's and depending on the humidity, games may well need to be suspended. The other problem with early February is that some grass greens may be still under renovation and not ready for play. Obviously not everyone will agree with what ever the decision is but clubs have their opportunity next Monday to voice their opinion.

INDOOR QUALIFIERS DECIDED

Soldiers Point, East Maitland and East Cessnock were the 3 venues in the Newcastle and Hunter area to host qualifying for the National Indoor Singles Championship. to be played at Tweed Heads in August. At Soldiers Point it was Terri-Anne Jones from Cardiff winning her way through along with Soldiers Point's Mick Beesley. At East Maitland it was Karla Courtin who travelled from Cabramatta along with Kurri's Leisa Morgan both qualifying in the women's section while in the men it was local Barry Mungoven who won through while at East Cessnock, Eugenie Muncaster and Carolyn Glen from Kurri along with Carol White from South Tamworth all advanced to National Finals along with Cardiff's Damien Robb and Shane Evans from Raymond Terrace. All of these players will head to Tweed to contest the knockout finals in August.

CALENDAR FULL FOR 2ND HALF OF SEASON

Lawn Bowlers in Newcastle have a vast array of events to contest in the 2nd half of the 2022/23 season which concludes in July. Now that Christmas and New Year has past we are back in full swing and commencing on Friday February 3 (the day this magazine is released) will see the Under 25 Singles kick off and on February 4 and 5 Raymond Terrace will host the State Finals of the Rookie Singles and Pairs where Zone 2 will be represented by Charlestown's Joel Field in the Singles with David Henderson & Anthony Priestly playing on their home green in the Pairs. Field has drawn section 1 which features the winning representatives from Zones 4, 5 and 14, while the Terrace Pairing have also drawn section 1 against Zones 7, 11 and 12. The Zone 2 Minor Singles is the next event on the Calendar and this commences on February 12 and continues on February 18 and 19. The Under 25 Pairs kick off

on Tuesday evening February 21 followed by Round 1 of Grades 2 to 7 in the Open Pennant on February 25 which will continue every Saturday for 10 weeks excluding Easter Saturday with Finals to be contested May 20 and 21 The Men's Zone Fours, Men's Senior Fours and the Open Reserve Fours all start on February 26 and continue March 6 and 12. Wednesday March 1 and every Wednesday from then until May 10, will see the introduction of the inaugural Zone 2 Club Challenge. The 3 Zone Singles events will commence on March 19 and continue March 26 and April 2 and 16. Grade 1 Pennant will begin with a doubleheader weekend on April 1 and 2 and there will be a break from all events with Easter falling on April 7 to 10. The Ladies State Carnival will take place on May 1 to 5 in the Shoalhaven Region, with 8 clubs hosting the event. The Men's Senior Inter Zone will take place on May 23 to 25 and the Men's Open Inter Zone on May 27 to 29 both to be held at Club Maitland City and Lorn Park. The Champion of Club Champions follows the Inter Zones on June 1 to 8 with the Australian Open on the Gold Coast to be contested from June 10 to 23. The Zone 2 Champion of Club Champion Fours will take place on June 24 and 25 with the Open Pennant Finals for all 7 Grades to be held at different locations across the State commencing on June 30 for 3 days. Junior State Championships from July 10 to 14 and the Men's Women and Open State Championships at Illawarra will be the final event from July 20 to 31 before we then commence the 2023/24 season.

NELSON BAY

By Kane Coulls, Bowls Co-ordinator

MEN'S CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS: 2022 Men's Singles Final - Kane Coulls defeated Jake Graham 25 - 9; **2022 Men's Triples Final** - Chris Edmonds, Peter Moxham & Joe Pudney defeated Scott Kohler, Ray Read & Steve Wright 22 - 12.

2022 Club Presentation Night was held on Saturday 21st January. A great night had by everyone. **2022 Men's Most Valuable Player** - Kane Coulls; **2022 Ladies Most Valuable Player** - Bernie Carroll; **2022 Most Improved Player** - Sue Clark.

Jackpot Pairs: Every Friday Men's Jackpot Pairs, 1.00pm start, Contact the Club on 4981 1272 to enter your pair or single entry. **Thursday Twilight Open Pairs:** The Second and fourth Thursday of the month. 6.00pm to 8.00pm - \$10.00 per player. Team and single entries accepted.

2023 Bluewater Men's Pairs - Monday 15th to Wednesday 17th May 2023.

BERESFIELD

By David Govan, Bowls Co-ordinator

Hi there fellow Magpies, welcome to a jam packed 22/23 season! Our major singles are at semi-final stages and semi number 1 will see 2020 & 2021 Champion David Govan taking on 2017 Champion Kevin Roberts, & semi number 2 will see the up & coming Michael Cooper taking on Beresfield stalwart Grant Boyce. Don't miss out on witnessing two cracking semi-finals. Pennants is vastly approaching once again & good luck to all our sides entered. Beresfield is hosting the 1 grade preseason after a year absence due to covid, Beresfield, Raymond Terrace, Belmont, Valentine, Hamilton North, Kurri, Soldiers Point, Maitland City, Charlestown & Nelson Bay will be competing for this year's title. Get down to Beresfield to witness some cracking bowls from the best players in Newcastle, dates of play in February are Tuesday 7th Wed 8th Thurs 9th Tues 14th Wed 15th Thurs 16th for sectional games, semi finals Tuesday 21st & Final Thursday 23rd all 6PM start times.

Beresfield is host to the u-25 singles which kicks off on Friday February 3rd at 6PM, get down to the club to witness some of Newcastle's best young talent.

Last of all, Beresfield would like to welcome new members to the club Ross Barry, Peter Broughton, Kevin Darby, Chris Cox, Brett Ireland, Jarrod Gorsuch, Boyd HAPPY BOWLER Dumbrell & young super star Caleb McDermott. I'm sure you will enjoy your time & culture here at our great club.



East Maitland Bowling Club

Proposed Tournaments 2023

NSW Bowling Arm Singles

Monday 13th Feb

Sectional play at 5 VENUES

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Prize Money 1st \$450, 2nd \$300, 3rd \$200

End of Summer 10-Up Triples

Monday 13th March

Total Prize Pool \$2,700

Over 70's Open Pairs

Monday 15th May

Total Prize Pool \$1,750

Bob Asimus Memorial Pairs

Monday 19th June

Prize Money 1st \$600, 2nd \$500, 3rd \$400, 4th \$300, 5th \$200, BPEG \$80

Prize Money Total \$2,240

Mid-Winter Open 10-Up Triples

Monday 10th July

Prize Money 1st \$750, 2nd \$600, 3rd \$450, 4th \$300, 5th \$150,
6th, 7th, 8th \$120 BPLG \$90

Prize Money Total \$2,700

Bank Holiday Ball & Chain Mixed Pairs

Monday 7th August

Prize Money 1st \$600, 2nd \$400, 3rd \$300, 4th \$200, 5th \$100, BPEG \$50

Prize Money Total \$1,750

End of Winter Mixed Pairs

Monday 28th August

Prize Money 1st \$600, 2nd \$400, 3rd \$300, 4th \$200, 5th \$100, BPEG \$50

Prize Money Total \$1,750

East Maitland

Bowling Arm Open

3 Bowl Pairs


Monday 18th September

Prize Money 1st \$600, 2nd \$400, 3rd \$300,
4th \$200, 5th \$100, BPEG \$50

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NELSON BAY WOMEN By Bernie Carroll



Above L-R: Nelson Bay Bowling Club Female Bowler of the Year, Bernie Carroll with Male Bowler of the Year, Kane Coulls

Nelson Bay Womens Bowling Club held their end of year Christmas party on the 15th December 2022 with all members enjoying themselves.

The day consisted of a variety of unorthodox bowls games, a delicious lunch and a concert performed by our Grade 3 and 4 Pennant team representatives. The theme of the day was supported by the songs "I am Woman, Rawhide and Simply the Best".

Although the ladies possibly wouldn't win an Oscar award for their acting skills they certainly had the audience captivated with laughter at the comical presentation. Well done to each of you especially Judy Eggert who choreographed all the performances.

Congratulations to all the raffle prize winners who were lucky enough to pick up some fabulous gifts and a big thank you to the ladies who generously donated some of those prizes.

Thank you to Pam Pulbrook our President and all the Committee members who worked tirelessly to ensure the day was a success and for their amazing input throughout this year.

On behalf of the NBWBC we hope all our members and guests have had a Merry Christmas and enjoy a prosperous New Year and we look forward to an even better 2023.

A message from Pam.... "Wishing you all the blessings of the Christmas season. May your Christmas sparkle and your New Year shine. I hope Christmas leaves you with the most special memories to cherish."

Nelson Bay Bowling Club held their Presentation night on the 21st January 2022 and was immensely enjoyed by all members and guests.

Excellent meals were served by our catering staff along with complimentary wine from our generous sponsors, Angove Wines. The music was provided by a two piece band who entertained members and guests throughout the night that saw many take advantage of the dance floor.

Kane Coulls kept the night flowing with another master class MC role and thank you to CEO Richard Girvan and his staff for organising once again a very successful event.

Congratulations go to Bernie Carroll and Kane Coulls for receiving the 2022 Nelson Bay Bowling Club Female and Male Bowler of the Year award. Congratulations also go to Sue Clark who secured the title of Most Improved Bowler.

Well done to all the winners and runners up who received awards on the night, outstanding achievements!

We look forward to another year of great bowling, friendships and fun in our wonderful Club.



Above: Nelson Bay Bowling Club Most Improved Bowler, Sue Clark



Above: On the dance floor at Nelson Bay's presentation night

KAHIBAH

By "The Scribe" (John Smith)

Our Minor Singles was finalised early in December with a much awaited clash between Bernie McDonaald and Ben Moore. Whereas most of the quarter and semi- finals had been close encounters this was not to be the case in the final. On a free running green Ben came out of the blocks running and quickly established a 15-4 advantage and although Bernie did claw back some of the margin Ben kept the pressure on leading 20-10 and 24-11 and was a deserved 25-16 victor. He has been in the latter stages of most of our singles events for the last two years and it was a good reward for his consistency to claim the title.

The focus now moves to our 2022-2023 Club Major Pairs and the Round 1 Fixtures saw the following results. Riley Cleaver and Ian Gibbons were 24-10 winners over Keith Keelan and Brian Stokes after they had led by 9-7 on 9 ends. Neville White and Tony Perkins were behind 10-3 to Darrell Oaten and Chris Mogg on 7 ends but dominated the remainder of the game to record a 21-12 victory. Steve Ansell and Tony Hicks scored a 4 on the last end to ensure an 18-10 win over Barry Humphries and Paul Bradshaw. Rod Cleaver and Kevin Gibbons established an early 13-4 lead over Wayne Enks and Rob Schumacher and held it throughout the game in a 21-14 win. Greg Jones and Ben Moore also established an early 14-5 lead over Thomas and Matthew Webster and maintained their advantage for a 23-9 victory. In the closest of all the games in the round Merv Brown and Brady Anderson had a narrow 20-18 win over Owen Jefferson and Howard Smith after they had been 16-5 behind after 10 ends but scored on 9 of the remaining ends in a strong fightback.

Quarter-final play saw the following results : Riley Cleaver and Ian Gibbons jumped out to 15-3 lead over Steve Ansell and Tony Hicks after 11 ends and maintained their advantage to record a 24-9 win. Rod Cleaver and Kevin Gibbons trailed Bruce Cameron and Robert Freeman 12-1 on 6 ends and then 16-11 on 16 ends but won 4 of the last 5 ends to claim a 20-17 victory. Merv Brown and Brady Anderson also had a flying start over Neville White and Tony Perkins leading 19-7 on 13 ends and then closed out the game with a 25-7 scoreline. Col Dorn and John Smith established a 16-5 lead ahead of Greg Jones and Ben Moore after 11 ends and then



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maintained that margin to record a 26-16 win. The semi-finals and final are scheduled for the last two weekends in January and details will be in the next OTG.

The next two club events to follow will be the Major/Minor Pairs and Consistency Singles. Entry forms are on the noticeboard so keep an eye out for closing dates.

The club has been allocated Grades 3 and 6 for the 2022-23 Open Gender Pennants following an appeal to the NDBA and State Match Committee and we are awaiting the Sectional Draw to find out who our opponents for the competition will be. 1st round Sectional matches are scheduled for Saturday 25th February. Our thanks to all the men and women who put their names forward for consideration.

STOCKTON WOMEN

By Kris Wright CO

It's great to be back at bowls, and it certainly looks like a full year is ahead of us all.

Stockton Ladies commenced 2023 with a single entry 4's Competition. This consisted of entries being selected randomly from Division 4, Division 3 and Division 1, resulting in a team with 2 Division 4 players, 1 Division 3 player and 1 Division 1 player.

We had a very good response with 32 players taking the green for the first round on 17th January.

This competition should be completed in early February (weather permitting) and will be followed later in February by our Handicap Pairs.

In December the ladies were invited to join the Saturday Gala hosted by the Men's Club. This has been well received and the numbers have been increasing each week. Everyone is enjoying the afternoon, and there's a chance to take home a meat tray as well.

There are a number of ladies looking forward to playing in the Mixed Pennant Games scheduled through early 2023, along with a few teams having entered the District Open & Senior 4's in February.

We wish all our ladies well with their bowling and hope for good

conditions (not being rained out), and a very competitive, successful and enjoyable year of bowls ahead.

VIEWPOINT

*By Milton Rigby on behalf of NDBA Umpires' Committee
(milton.rigby@bigpond.com)*

Happy New Year! Let's hope that we do not have any COVID interruptions this year.

Now is the time to get your Umpires kits out to ensure that all of the equipment is in good order and working condition -it's a good time to make any updates if necessary.

Now is also a good time for Umpires to hone up their measuring skills in readiness for a busy year.

As Bowls Liaison Officer at my Club, I have organised a morning for all of our Umpires to have a discussion on the Laws and practice their measuring skills. For this practice the green will be set up in a similar manner as we do for an Umpires Course – A close measure where feeler gauges are required to determine the shot, a measure of about 200 mm for a calliper measure, a three bowl measure which includes a leaning bowl which must be chocked, A long measure on the green, a long measure with a bowl and jack in the ditch and a bowl on the green. For good measure we include checking a delivered jack, a short bowl, a rebounding jack and a bowl on the boundary. I suggest that Umpires representatives at all Clubs organise a similar morning -it certainly prepares them for the year ahead.

MARKERS: Many Clubs will be preparing for their Singles Championships and will require Markers to officiate. A Marker can make a game enjoyable or break a game. The NDBA conduct Marker Courses as part of an Umpires course and we have an excellent DVD that we use. If any Club would like us to show this DVD to a group of its members so that they know their duties as a Marker please contact us and we will organise it. There will be no cost and it takes about 30 minutes.

NEWCASTLE DISTRICT WOMEN'S BOWLING ASSOCIATION INC.



By Vicki Rankin, NDWBA Match Chairperson

Newcastle District hosted the Regional Triples play-offs at Raymond Terrace on Saturday 3rd December.

In the Open Women's section, the Newcastle team of Kate Matthews, Genevieve Delves and Natasha Van Eldik played Hunter River District team from Kurri Kurri, Adele Johns, Leanne Chenoweth, Carolyn Glen. Raymond Terrace got off to a strong lead and unfortunately Kurri Kurri could not gain ground which resulted in a win to Raymond Terrace 34-9.

The Raymond Terrace team then played Aberdeen team from Upper Hunter District, Lorraine Baker, Lorena Croft & Judith Wright in the afternoon and unfortunately for Aberdeen, Raymond Terrace continued at the same pace in the morning game finishing with Raymond Terrace the victors 33-6.

The Senior Triples was played for the first time this year and in the morning the Hunter River District side from Club Maitland City of Sue O'Brien, Lynette Strickleton played the Newcastle District side from Soldiers Point, Jan Sutherland, Vacie McIntyre, Betty Herbertson. This was a close match and there were only 2 shots the difference up to the 16th end then Soldiers Point started to gain momentum and claimed the match with a 24-13 win.

In the afternoon match, Soldiers Point played the Muswellbrook R.S.L. side, Upper Hunter District - Kay Collins, Barbara McPhee, Eryn Brown. Unfortunately for Muswellbrook, Soldiers Point were on a high from the morning game and could not gain any ground with Soldiers Point taking the match 28-10.

Congratulations to all the players who gave it their best and the winners will now head off to the State Playoffs to be held in 2023



Above: REGION 5 Open Triples winners Raymond Terrace (Newcastle District) L-R Natasha Van Eldik (Skip) Genevieve Delves (Second) Kate Matthews (Lead)



Above: REGION 5 Open Triples Runners-up Aberdeen (Upper Hunter District) L-R Judith Wright (Skip), Lorena Croft (Second), Lorraine Baker (Lead).



Above: REGION 5 Senior Triples Winners Soldiers Point (Newcastle District) L-R Vacie McIntyre (Second), Betty Herbertson (Skip) Jan Sutherland (Lead)



Above: REGION 5 Senior Triples Runners-up Muswellbrook (Upper Hunter District) L-R Eryn Brown (Skip) Barbara McPhee (Second) Kay Collins (Lead)

MAYFIELD WEST

By Jackie Jukes



Above: Mayfield West Women's Pairs Finalists Nancy Avery and Robyn Belcher (Winners) with Kayla Jukes and Rachel Shelton (Runners-Up)

The Ladies Pairs final, held late November, was a fantastic display of great sportsmanship and excellent bowls. All players were very consistent throughout, but it was the experienced pair of Nancy Avery and Robyn Belcher victorious over the young guns of Kayla Jukes and Rachel Shelton. Well Done Ladies !!!

The Men's Major Singles was also played prior to Christmas. Both players had tough matches leading up to the final, but prevailed with excellent bowls and consistency. Dave Taggart was the winner on the day with a 25-16 victory over Terry Wake. Congratulations Dave !!!

The year has flown once again with Christmas now been and gone and we are looking forward to an exciting new year of bowls. The Ladies will hold their Annual EEC Shield on Monday 27th March

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and also their Ladies Pairs Thursday Night Tournament starting 13th April and running for 4 weeks.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to making Mayfield West a success in 2022 and look forward to seeing everyone on the green in the new year.



Above: Mayfield West Mens Major Singles Final Terry Wake (Runner Up) and David Taggart (Winner)

LORN PARK

By Jennie Boyton, P.O.



Above: Lorn Park Farmers Day Winners



Above: Winners of Lorn Park's Pig and Ham Tournament Wayne Lambourne, Corey Parker and Greg Lambourne

We welcome in 2023 but must first report on a couple of events held mid-December '22.

Saturday 10th December saw the running of our annual Paterson Butchery 'Pig & Ham' Tournament. This is always a popular tournament & with it's timing just before Christmas, the Hams and Pork winners prizes are hotly sought. We had maximum entries for the day and there was some terrific bowling action.

We had the opportunity to be the host of the Farmer's Day on Wednesday 14th December '22. This is an annual event with a long history and has been hosted by Dungog, Clarence Town, Gresford & Lorn Park on a rotation basis. It had been a few years since the Farmer's Day was last held—Covid certainly saw that this event was another casualty. Where once, I believe, Farmer's Day was solely played by bowlers who 'worked on the land' we now see a field of

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more general bowlers. Time has changed the demographics of the rural bowling communities. That being said, a great day of competitive bowling & much talking was enjoyed by all who attended. Thank you to everyone who could make it along and I'm sure there are already plans afoot for the next Famer's Day catchups.

Like all clubs, we are busy getting organized for the upcoming Open Gender Pennant season and this is sure to be a season of great competition with it's usual highs & lows. Our bowlers are keenly preparing for what will hopefully be a successful and enjoyable time on the greens.

Wishing all a great year of health, happiness & bowling!



Above: Runners-up in Lorn Park's Pig and Ham Tournament Gordon Thompson, Debbie Thompson and Terry Smith



Above: 3rd place in Lorn Park's Pig and Ham Tournament Dan Hoffman, Jarad Hamilton and John Hamilton



Above: 4th place in Lorn Park's Pig and Ham Tournament Mick Bagnall, Dallas Crockett and Mick Styles



Above: 5th place in Lorn Park Pig and Ham Tournament Michelle Niznik, George Niznik and Paul Windon

LAKE MACQUARIE DISTRICT WOMEN



By Jen Kenyon, District Publicity Officer



Above: LMDWBA Open Fours Winners Valentine Trixie Stauble (skip), Wendy Morrin, Alina Miklosi and Maggie Johnston

Happy New Year to all. Our new year has commenced with the District Open and Senior Fours. The Winners of the Open Fours were Valentine Maggie Johnston, Alina Miklosi, Wendy Morrin, Trixie Stauble and Runners up Belmont Gaye Brown, Julie Paterson, Di Stockwell and Maureen Simpson. The Senior Fours was won by Charlestown Lyn Genders, Kathy Faint, Pattie White and Halina Wuro - Runners up Belmont Gladys Main, Sheryl Northey, Robyn Thurston and Raewa Roe. Congratulations to all players, the winners now go onto play in the Regional finals on the 29th January at Gwandalan BC. We wish you good bowling.

The District Open and Senior Singles commence on the 6th February through to the 10th February with the final being played at Valentine.

Until next report stay healthy and hydrated and enjoy your bowls.



Above: LMDWBA Senior Fours Winners Charlestown - Lyn Genders, Kathy Faint, Patti White and Halina Wuro (skip).



Above: LMDWBA Senior Fours Runners-up Belmont - Gladys Main, Sheryl Northey, Robyn Thurston and Raewa Roe (skip).



Above: LMDWBA Open Fours Runners-up Belmont - Gaye Brown, Julie Paterson, Di Stockwell and Maureen Simpson (skip).

LAMBTON PARK WOMEN

By Michelle Farrow, V.P.



Above L-R: Lambton Park Women's Major Singles Finalists Jan Nicol Runner Up and winner Elva Jarvis.



Above: Some happy faces at Lambton Park Women's Xmas Luncheon

Welcome back ladies. Hope you all had a great Christmas. Our Christmas luncheon was lovely. Lots of chatter and everyone had a fun day. Now it's time to address the new year and all it holds.

We have four invitation days this year, the first being Belle Brown Fours to be held on Wednesday 22nd March \$88 entry fee with lunch included. Phone Pat McMahon on 0400 165 580 to enter. Please see our flyer for following invitation days.

Now for a very important Club Championship result. Our Major singles, which was contested by Elva Jarvis and Jan Nicol. An exciting game won by inform Elva. Jan fought to the end but it seems there's no stopping the veteran. Congratulations, Elva a worthy champion and also to Jan a wonderful runner up effort.

We are proud to be entering our 90th year 1933-2023. Ten years have flown since our 80th. We will be celebrating this auspicious occasion on 21st June and look forward to a wonderful day.

A big cheer to our talented Lambton and Charlestown Greens staff who work tirelessly to keep us on the green and bowling. Thank you, we certainly appreciate your work.

Happy New Year from all at Lambton Park Women's Bowling Club.

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STOCKTON By Jack High, P.O.

We at Stockton Bowling Club hope everyone in the bowling world enjoyed a wonderful Xmas and New Year with family and friends and are looking forward to the New Year 2023. Our first tournament of the year was the "Dave Burnett Twilight Triples" which was held over 3 nights 4th, 5th, and 6th of January. The weather was not kind to us with rain and wind affecting each night. A tribute to the players who battled on in the trying conditions. The Editors report is available in this issue. Club Championships and Pennants will be commencing soon and good bowling and an equal share of the luck to all competing.

WARNERS BAY SPORTS WOMEN By Gwen Andriessen P.O.

As we welcome 2023 we all hope for a successful year of bowling and of course good health,

Our Christmas Party was a fun day, after a morning of bowling we enjoyed a delicious lunch in the Restaurant. Of course a Christmas Party could not take place without a visit from Santa. Thank you Santa.

Whilst we were all looking forward to starting back our Galas on Thursday the 12th January, unfortunately the new green required a few more days before it was playable. On Wednesday the 18th all who played despite the heat enjoyed the day. However come the 19th our Gala was cancelled due to rain.

We are all looking forward to Australia Day, instead of our usual Gala, all members have been encouraged to bring along a non-bowling friend for a fun day of bowls followed by a sausage sizzle. This should be great day!!

Hoping the weather is kind to us and the Galas for 2023 get up and running soon!

For all those who have celebrated or are celebrating a special occasion, Congratulations!

Looking forward to having more to report next month. Stay safe, stay healthy and enjoy your bowling.

Dreamer

Hi Dreamers and welcome to 2023. One of the complaints I do hear a lot is that the "new bowlers" do not have any etiquette! I would debate that all new bowlers do have etiquette as off the green they are lovely people but on the green I think it is the fact that no one have actually told them what is expected and excepted as reasonable behaviour. **So... what is bowls etiquette?**

According to J. P. Munro, a well-known lawn bowls historian. *"It is those little acts that help make our game such a wonderful creator of sociability and friendship."*

Friendly and sporting acts towards your team-mates and your opponents should be appreciated and reciprocated. We should all approach our bowls with enthusiasm, friendliness, good company and tolerance.

Etiquette is relevant to attire, politeness and general behaviour and adds to the feel of the game.

J. P. Munro lists the following as tips for good etiquette:

- Be punctual and always welcome visitors.
- Be polite and friendly to your opponents including not using offensive language.
- Introduce each other at the start of play.
- Respect the laws of the game and the role of the umpire.
- Do nothing to distract the bowler on the mat and make sure you are not standing in front of the view of the boundary pegs.
- Do not move at either end of the rink where it may distract the player on the mat.
- Watch your bowl until it stops and learn from the shot.
- Concentrate on the game and the state of play.
- Commend your team-mates, and your opponents, when they play a good shot.
- Admit a fluke shot when you play one and remember it when your opponent gets one later in the game. Team members should not clap a "lucky" bowl – remember it's a poor bowl with a great result.
- Remain behind the mat and within the confines of the rink and walk up the green, after the player has left the mat and in a direction that allows the player to see the path of their bowl.
- Excuses for bad play should not be blamed on the condition of the green, wind or other weather conditions. These conditions are the same for all players.
- Keep silent while others are delivering their bowls and remain outside their gaze.
- Mobile phones (unless for emergencies) should be in your bowls bag turned off or on silent.
- If music is playing it should not impact on how the game is progressing.
- Offer refreshments at the end of your game.
- Remember that you get out of the game what you are prepared to put into it.

So there is a basic list of what is expected however if the new bowler is not explained this then there are a few on this list that may not be followed. Like the one about "don't celebrate a lucky or unlucky bowl. If you watch any other sport on TV you will see cricket players rejoice when a batsman drags one from a yard outside off stump to be bowled, or an own goal scored in soccer the crowd goes wild or rugby league players applauding and rubbing a player on the head when there is a dropped ball for a knock on. Where is the "etiquette" in all these sports? I note that in Tennis if a player gets a lucky net result they do put their hand or racket up in an apologetic gesture, but do they really mean it?

A couple of "laws" that I witness not being followed a lot are,

- Players at the head end jumping in to have a look at who is holding shot when it is not their team that is in control of the head. Ask yourself what is the rule here? The law is that the moment that your team's bowl comes to a rest or stops, then it is the other team in control of the head. So by the letter of the law, you cannot jump into the head to see if the last bowl your team played is the shot or got the result if your opposition have bowls to play. You should sit back and wait until your opposition have played their next bowl

and it has come to a stop before you can go into the head for an examination.

- Following a bowl up the green. The laws are pretty clear about when each player can follow their bowl to the other end but the player who decides they are going to follow a bowl to the other end **MUST** be behind the jack at the other end before their bowl comes to a stop. Too many players follow their bowl but are nowhere near the other end when they should be. The choice is simple, if you can't get to the other end in time then don't go until it is time for all to cross over and, as it states above, walk down the side of the rink that is opposite the side that the last played bowl is on so you are not walking in their view. Oh and by the way, if you are not following your bowl to the other end, the law states, that you **MUST** be back behind the mat before your bowl comes to a stop so you are not obstructing the next to play.

Sweet Dreams.

UMPIRES FAREWELL



Above: Helen Bambach retires as Umpire Educator, pictured here with fellow Educator Robyn Lewis.

A wonderful luncheon was enjoyed at the Nelson Bay Golf Club to farewell a lady who has given all to her club and bowls. \

Helen Bambach retired as an Umpire Educator and will be missed by all. The luncheon was attended by members of the Peninsular Umpire's Discussion Group.

Helen was presented with a bouquet of flowers by Educator Robyn Lewis. Enjoy your retirement Helen - you certainly deserve it.

BAR BEACH By Barbie Chowlo



Above: BBBC Club Fours Champions Adam Gleeson, Barry Munday, Mark Meehan and Neil Rayner.

December and January was eventful and busy at the reef! Our club fours final was played on the 4th December. Congratulations to the Club Fours Champions 2022-23, Adam Gleeson, Barry Munday, Mark Meehan and Neil Rayner and runners up Stuart Clarke, Anthony Coffey, Benny Sutters and Dan Kehane. Congratulations to both teams. The long-awaited final was worth the wait for the spectators who supported the boys on the day.

The 2022-23 minor singles kicked off at the end of January and looks to be a great competition, and the major singles will follow the upcoming pennants season.



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Our Christmas events were a huge hit with members and guests. Our bowlers were spoiled with a free Christmas lunch and bowls event, and it was a full house for the Christmas toy raffle.

The 2nd Annual Simon Bromley Shield tournament was played in December. Thank you to Simon's partner Denise for supporting the event and presenting the shield to the winning team Rick Burgess, Stuart Clarke and Dominic (Doc) Pietrangelo.

WHAT'S ON ... Galas. Wednesday 1pm, Friday 4pm and Saturday 1pm. During December, BBBC hosted a Friday Night Ham Gala. Due to the great success of this event, the gala is continuing during daylight savings. Breakers, friends and visitors are welcome to come and enjoy the afternoon sea breeze on the green and stay for the raffle and JAG THE JOKER draw at 6.30pm.

Bar Beach Bowling and Sporting Club provides free nibbles after the Wednesday and Saturday galas for bowlers to enjoy during the raffle and consolation draw. You can't pick a better location than Bar Beach for a roll at this time of year. Lovely sunshine and a coastal breeze adds to the beachy atmosphere and fun vibes.

WHAT'S ON... Jag the Joker Draw on Friday Nights. With every bar purchase on Friday afternoons, all patrons will receive a free entry into the Jag the Joker draw after the raffle. Jackpotting at \$800 on the first Friday of February (if no one jags the joker prior) and increasing by \$100 weekly, the Joker card has never looked so good!

WHAT'S ON... Facebook Promotion. Join the **Breakers Bar Beach** Facebook page and for every 'like', comment or share you will go in the draw to win a \$30 bar/bistro voucher. Drawn every Friday afternoon, the winner will be announced on the Breakers Facebook page and will have until the following Saturday (8 days) to redeem their prize. Not to be confused with the Bar Beach Bowlo Facebook page, 'Breakers Bar Beach' has a dark blue logo as a profile picture with club championship winners on the cover photo. This is the place to go to stay in touch with bowls news, photos and events at Bar Beach.

The Bar Beach Men's Bowling Club Committee would like to thank all of our bowling members for their support and sportsmanship during 2022. We are looking forward to a positive



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CARDIFF By The Falcon

The Mixed Fours Final was played on 8TH January & the team of Janine McDonald, Pat & Janice O'Reilly & Gary Martin defeating Margaret Merrion, David Evans, Jo Henderson & Cohen Ridd on an extra end. The Major Pairs commence with first round games to be played on 22ND January. The Major Singles nominations close on Sunday 5TH February, & commence on Sunday 5TH March. The 2023 Open Pennant grades are Grades 1, 3, 5, 6, & 7. Grades 2–7 commence on 25TH February & Grade 1 commence on 1ST April. The Club Challenge Divisions are 1 & 3 which commences on Wednesday 1ST March. The "Garry Mick James 3 Bowl Triples" is on Monday 6TH & Tuesday 7TH March & the "Cardiff BC 11Up Triples" is on Monday 3RD April. That flyer will be out shortly. Congratulations to Terri-Ann Jones & Damian Robb who have both qualified for the Bowls Australia Indoor Singles Championships at Tweed Heads Bowls Club in August 2023.

"The best & most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched, they must be felt with the heart" – Helen Keller.

CARDIFF WOMEN By Bianca Hann, P.O.



Above: Winner of Cardiff Mixed Fours Gary Martin, Janice O'Reilly, Janine McDonald and Patrick O'Reilly.



Above: Runners-up in Cardiff Mixed Fours Cohen Ridd, Jo Henderson, Dave Evans and Margaret Merrion.

and productive 2023, working together to achieve better results for all members.

Happy bowling, everyone!



Above: BBBC Club Fours Runners Up Stuart Clarke, Anthony Coffey, Ben Suters and Dan Kehane

BAR BEACH WOMEN

By Daphne Shelswell, P.O.

Hello Bowlers! With the holidays just about over, we turn our attention to all things bowling.

Those of us who are able have been rolling up when possible as our greens come back for another year's enjoyment at bowls.

Our Club Championship Pairs are next on the agenda and we have some keen contenders for the trophy.

We have a close-knit group of ladies who are keen to start 2023 with a fresh approach to our social events and our bowling events as we enjoy our time at our club by the sea.

You will all be aware by now that our first Invitation Day for 2023 is to be held on Friday 14.4.23 and catered by our own chef with a bistro style buffet lunch.

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Our gala Christmas/ break up day was a great success with a fun game of turnaround triples and then in for a delicious lunch provided by our ladies. The Christmas raffle was won by Maureen Mitchell, Jo Henderson, Jeannie Hutton, Judy Hill and Di Gregson. The Sunday mixed fours also had a fun Christmas break up day. Thanks to Janice O'Reilly for organising this. After a game of bowls we all sat down to a delicious meal, served by "the Blind Chef".

The final of the mixed fours was won by Janine McDonald, Patrick O'Reilly, Janice O'Reilly and Gary Martin, with the runners-up of Margaret Merrion, Dave Evans, Jo Henderson and Cohen Ridd. This was a very exciting game to watch with a draw on the last end. Cohen's team lead all the way to the last end and then Gary's team got the final point. It was great to see so many people come along and support them.

Happy birthday to the December ladies, Helen Lott, and Helen Lincoln, January ladies Val Adamiak, Bianca Hann and Maureen Mitchell.

Just a reminder that our invitation day, which is sponsored by the White Lady Funerals, has been changed to 20 February. Anyone wishing to put a team in, it is \$80 per team which includes lunch and morning tea. Start at 9 am. Phone June Hancock 0437 540 58.

Our deepest sympathy goes to the family of Betty Anderson, who passed away earlier this month. "Little Betty" will be sadly missed. No one will forget her happy smiling face. Betty devoted a lot of her time to bowls here and previously at Edgeworth, as well as her time with the umpire's meetings.



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HAMILTON NORTH HORNETS

By Mark Casey, Bowls Co-ordinator

Hi Hornets, we are looking forward to a great year at the green at the Hornets Nest.

PENNANTS – We have started trials for this year's Open Pennant season. This year we are challenging for the No. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 Grade pennant titles

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS – We are currently in the midst of running our Major Singles, Pairs and Open Triples both being up to semi-final stages of the respective competitions as well as starting our Minor Pairs and Handicap Pairs.

The Pairs Final will be between Corey Hayman and Mark Evans versus Craig Thompson and Wayne Smith.

The Ladies Major Singles Semi Finals will be Karen Young Vs Kerrie McDougall and Lynne Sara Vs Lois Wedesweiler.

The men's Major Singles Semi Finals will be between Barry Cartwright Vs Mark Evans and Mick Brown Vs Ryan Steel.

The Club Triples Semi Finals are Max Moran, John Kelly & Mick Powell Versus Tim Haren, Col Wallace & Ryan Steel, the second Semi Final will be Darren Morgan, Bryce Williams & Mark Griffiths versus the winner of the quarter final of P. Broughton, J. Callister & J. Petherbridge Vs A. Bell, S. Gray & P. Taber. The draw for the clubs Consistency Singles is up.

GALA'S – All our galas continue growing with nearly a full green for every gala, all of our galas are \$10 per player.

Tuesday Pairs Cash Gala are always competitive every week with prize money averaging about \$200 per week. It is two games of 10 ends (Double points for the last end of each game) with winners playing winners and losers playing losers (except when odd number of rinks are used, one winner plays one loser). Prize Money is for First and Second Prize and a Consolation Prize for the highest margin in the second game for the first game losers.

The Thursday day and Thursday night galas have continued to be extremely successful. Along with being jackpot galas all winning players in these galas receive \$10 vouchers.

The Friday Seafood Voucher Gala has growing and continues to grow with every winning player receives a \$15 seafood voucher.

ADAMSTOWN WOMEN

By Christine Rhodes, C.O.



Above: Adamstown members enjoy a day trip on the Postmans' Boat in the Central Coast

Happy new year to everyone. Our ladies had a very merry Christmas lunch at Newcastle Yacht Club and we also had a day trip on the postmans boat on the Central Coast which was enjoyed by all. We hope to be able to arrange the occasional day trip this year. Our Secretary Dorothy has been busy under a ton of paperwork finalising the cancelling of the incorporation of the Ladies Club prior to amalgamation - hats off to Dorothy, most of us would not be able to handle it. Our thanks to our wonderful greenkeeper Steve who does an outstanding job keeping our green in good order.

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BOOLAROO WOMEN

By Jan Baldwin, C.O.



Above: Boolaroo Mixed Pairs Champions Marg Barry and Kerry Houghton



Above: Boolaroo Mixed Pairs Runners-up Brian Taylor and Maree Vincent.

Happy 2023 to all our members and friends of Boolaroo B.C. trust you have had some lovely festive celebrations with family and friends.

With another year underway we look forward to playing our favourite game at home and away, with Invitation Days at Clubs throughout the District.

Our Club Mixed Triples Tournament on the 14th January was a great success with entries from all over Newcastle, Port Stephens and the Hunter region taking part. Boolaroo shone through as winners with Club President Tony O'Neils team taking first place. Congratulations Peter, Glenn and Tony. Second place Dora Creek, with two Composite Teams in 3rd and 4th.

Our next Event is Sat. 18th February. (Mixed Triples)

Get Well Wishes go out to our Ladies Treasurer Shirley Murphy and Vice President Barbara Mc Blane, we trust they both make a speedy recovery and are back with us soon.

Farewell to Debbie Bullen who has joined Charlestown Bowling Club. We will miss you in all our future Tournaments, but wish you great bowling at your new Club.

Until next Month, stay well and bowl great.



Above: Boolaroo Mixed Triples Tournament winners Glenn, Peter and Tony.

TORONTO WORKERS WOMEN

By Trish Kellehear, C.O.

Looking back over our 2022 bowling season, we have to say what a great year! We had some excellent competition, fabulous representation & results at District Level and did ourselves proud in the pennants. This year we have bounced back with our usual enthusiasm and great number too!

We ended 2022 gaining quite a few new players from the Over 55's village plus some other bowlers from the local area. We continue to enjoy our



Above: Toronto Workers Women's Major Singles Winner, Annette Cook (left) presented by President Trudy Richens (right)

Ladies Tuesday Gala & Thursday Mixed Mufti Events.

Presentation Day 2022 was well attended with the following presentation results: **Major Singles Champion:** Annette Cook; **Pairs Champions:** Annette Cook & Kris James; **Triples Champions:** Annette Cook/Mollie O'Leary, Barbara Fox & Kris James; **4's Champions:** Mary Downey, Trish Kellehear, Barbara Fox & Lyn Haley; **Minor Singles Winner:** Trish Kellehear; **Most Improved Player:** Margaret Derksen.

2023 has already seen our Club Consistency through to the finals next week where Annette Hodge & Trish Kellehear will battle it out. However, in 2023, we mostly look forward to staying healthy, catching up with other clubs and continuing enjoying our bowls. So for now, may all your bowls be touchers.

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NSW RSL BOWLS: ZONE 6

By Rod Woodhouse, Secretary Zone 6
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Above: Players on the green at RSL Zone 6 Annual Christmas Social Day at Raymond Terrace

On 12 December, we held our annual Christmas social day at Raymond Terrace, with a very good turnout of 42 players on the green, playing triples. The winners were Max Threadgate, John Nightingale and Pater Dymond (Maitland City). The game was followed by the usual lunch and refreshments, as well as our regular meat raffle.

Social bowlers are always welcome at any of our social events, which are usually triples, at a cost of \$15 including lunch, with socialization and appropriate refreshments at your own expense, as well as our ever-popular meat tray raffle.

We meet on a Monday at 9:30, approximately once a month, at various clubs around the Newcastle area, and anyone wishing to join us, regularly or otherwise, should contact **Secretary, Rod Woodhouse 0412 145 971** for dates. You can enter preferably as a triples team, or singly. You will not be disappointed.

Upcoming events:

30 January, social at Raymond Terrace

Most of February is taken up with RSL championships, and the annual interzone competition.

6 March, social at Beresfield

LOWLANDS WOMEN

By Lynn Robertson, C.O.

Happy new year to everyone from Lowlands and we are finally back into a normal calendar with all of our bowling events scheduled to be held without interruption.

We are running another bowls clinic beginning February 14th. The clinic has been a huge success in member recruitment and has boosted our playing cohort significantly over the past 12 months. It is also a great introduction to be part of a vibrant and fantastic club.

Bowls is a great healthy lifestyle choice for those who want to keep active and support general fitness. The clinic introduces people to the basics of the game so they can be part of a fabulous group which welcomes and mentors players in their participation at which ever level of club bowls they choose. The ongoing Green Queens program develops further skills to build strengths, confidence and knowledge about the game. Wonderful programs which ultimately promote the game of bowls.

Entries for the club 4s will begin in early February as with the Dorothy Cooper pairs competition. Good luck to all players. Also, invitation days are back and players are looking forward to visiting other clubs and being part of meeting people through the game of bowls.

Tuesday Gala now has electronic sign on available, a step towards speedier game organisation and thanks to Brett Gemmell for his involvement with our ladies club moving forward.

Lowlands is a fantastic club to be a member. We have experienced a lot of change in membership numbers in the past 18 months. Our playing numbers dropped significantly and as all clubs know, recruitment can be a difficult process. Fortunately through the



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efforts made by members to suggest, implement and facilitate programs, our club is going from strength to strength. There is a positive and enthusiastic culture at Lowlands where everyone is encouraged and supported on all levels.

Come and join Lowlands. It is a club on the move with great friendly, fun people. See you on the Green



Above: Lowlands Christmas celebrations in December. Lots of old and new members enjoying the festive cheer. What an enjoyable event! Thanks to Helen Turner and Liz Wilkinson for their fabulous efforts with organisation.

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delivery. You may observe a number of faults in one delivery so pick the biggest fault first and concentrate on getting that fixed first as this may adjust other smaller problems.

When Coaching bowlers who have been bowling for more than 5 years remember to be very careful not to change their style of bowling too radically so only correct the fault you feel will improve the players performance and only if he or she agrees.

A great aid for coaches is to video players so you can actually show the player what it is you are trying to correct.

Good Luck - Good Bowling See you next Month.

CHARLESTOWN WOMEN

By Laurel Faint, P.O.



Above: Cutting the Pennant Celebration Cake Kathy Limond and LMD President



Above: On the Green Unfurling Charlestown Women's No. 1 Division Pennant Flag

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By John Bilby,
Level 1 National Coach &
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Coaching Committee

LATEST NEWS and INFORMATION

Well a New Year has arrived Pennants start in February, so to start this new year any bowlers who would like to become Coaches contact Warren Shipley at N.D.B.A. Headquarters on 02 4929 3441 or myself 0432 616 848 and if we have numbers a Club Coaches Course will be arranged and also I will be notifying other Coaches that are due for re-accreditation to do this as soon as possible.



“FAULT FINDING”

The best way to improve a Coaches fault finding is to take the time to sit on the sideline and watch Bowlers playing in Galas, Competitions or Championships. Focus on one player at a time and write down each fault at a time, starting from their first delivery and not just one or two ends but maybe eight or nine ends. You will probably find some problems with Bowlers who play social bowls more so than players who play top Grade Pennants, this is because no one player is perfect even World, State and Club Champions can make mistakes on occasions.

It is important that you study the delivery of one player at time and you will be amazed how quickly you will see and find small and sometimes big faults in that players delivery.

In the Coaches Manual you can find a list of common faults and as the book says most players have some faults in their game so observe the player and if you can spot just one fault it is a starting point for your coaching with the player.

When observing players from a distance, faults are easier to spot because your eyes can cover the complete picture of a

HAPPY NEW YEAR ~ Lets hope 2023 is a great Year for us all We have one final celebration to report, to complete 2022 for Charlestown.

UNFURLING 2022 LMD GRADE 1 PENNANT FLAG:

What a great day was had by all who attended, our LMD Grade 1 Red Team Pennant Flag Unfurling, on Thursday 15th December 2022

Congratulations Team: Karleen Gemmell, Kathy Limond, Rhonda Littlewood, Gayle Gannon, Lynn Genders, Halina Wuro, Kay Shuttlewood, Raweang Namutwong; Reserves: Julie Garry and Helen Sanderson.

The celebrations started with our “Welcome” from Daniel Hill, our Bowls Co-ordinator and a delicious Morning Tea of scones, jam and cream in “The Courtyard”. All Guests, then assembled on the synthetic green for the Unfurling. This included Representatives from LMD Runner Up Pennant Team Valentine, Charlestown Blue Team, Belmont Team and Charlestown Members present.

The Piper, Jock Hardman chaired the procession to the Flagpole, followed by the Official Party, Lake Macquarie District Representatives Gaye Brown and Maureen Simpson and our Grade (Division) 1 Team, together with Daniel Hill, Bowls Co-ordinator, Milton Rigby, Director of Bowls and Umpires, Major Sponsors Belle Real Estate and Daily Funerals

LMD President Gaye Brown had the honours of Unfurling the Flag. To complete the Unfurling, our “Champions” and all present, were Piped from the Green.

Following the Unfurling, a Social game of Bowls was enjoyed by many present, then to the Bowlers Lounge.

A Buffet Lunch was served in the Patricia Room, Ham and Salads and Bread Roll and taken back to the Bowlers lounge. An Official Welcome was given by Daniel Hill and a special Thank You to Lake Macquarie District for their generous donation of \$500, which had been received towards the Costs of the NSW State Pennant Playoffs.

District President Gaye proposed a Toast to Our Winners, with Team Captain Kathy Limond responding Both then officiated with “cutting of the Celebration Cake”.

Our Program gave mention to Laurel Faint and Gail Baker who filled in at NSW State Pennant Playoffs and I would like to mention

the Region 6 win, where Helen Sanderson filled in and Jan Moore was Reserve.

Many thanks to Debbie Foote for her fantastic table settings and arrangements and her Team of Ladies for all their hard work. Thank you also to every person who assisted in any way before, during and after the event, without your help the day would not have been the success that it was.

Since the December 2022 Edition Charlestown has had lots and lots of Success to report: **2022-23 REGION 6 TRIPLES** -After winning the 2022-2023 LMD Open Triples, Congratulations to our new **2022-23 REGION 6 OPEN TRIPLES CHAMPIONS** Lynn Genders, Pattie White and Halina Wuro.

The 2022-23 Region Triples were played on Sun 11th December 2022 against Ettalong Memorial, at Ettalong Beach Our Team, have now qualified to play at the 2022.2023 NSW State Championships, to be held at HOST VENUES: Figtree Sports, Towradgi Park and Wiseman Park Wollongong City between 20th July – 01 August 2023.

The first District game for the start of 2023, was the Lake Macquarie District Open and Senior Fours. Congratulations to our new **2022-23 LAKE MACQUARIE DISTRICT SENIOR FOURS CHAMPIONS** Lynn Genders, Kathy Faint, Pattie White and Halina Wuro.

Charlestown won the Final 24-10 against Belmont, on Fri 13th January, at Wangi Bowling. They now contest the Region 6 Senior Fours against Bateau Bay, on Sunday 29th January, 2023 at Gwandalan.

Photos of our Charlestown Region 6 Open Triples Champions and LMD Senior Four Champions will be submitted by Lake Macquarie District.

Till next Month Laurel.

ALDER PARK WOMEN

By Loretta Bannister

Happy New Year and good bowling to all and hoping that we all stay well and healthy 2023 and beyond. Our triples were played towards the end of 2022 and the winners being Robyn Bagnall, Helen Ross and Anne Stuart, Runners up, Penny Elliott, Kath Walters and Judy O'Brien. A great game played in true friendship. Congratulations to all who participated in previous matches, especially to our working girls, Janine Noble, Alex Goodwin and Trish Goodwin.

Our annual Christmas party was held and attended by all members, thoroughly enjoyed by all, especially the lunch served by Kenny from Norma's Bistro. Thank you to our hard working committees for making this day so special. Looking forward to competing in the club fours championship to be played later in February.



Above: Alder Park ladies enjoying their annual Christmas get together.



Above: 2022 our LMD No. 1 Grade (Division) Pennant Team Charlestown L-R Back Gayle Gannon, Kathy Limond, Raveang Namutwong, Insert Halina Wuro (absent on day) Front: Rhonda Littlewood, Lynn Genders, Karleen Gemmell, Kay Shuttlewood



Above: Main table with Officials and guests in the "Courtyard for Morning Tea L-R around the Table Gareth, Representative for Belle Property, Lake Macquarie Representatives Maureen Simpson and Gaye Brown, Bessie Garnham (Patron), Daniel Hill, Jock Hardman (Piper), Mick Phillips Major Sponsor Belle Property, Lorraine Rixon and Shirley Cooke Belmont representatives, Julie Garry.



Above: Winners of the Alder Park Women's Triples Championship Robyn Bagnall, Helen Ross and Anne Stuart.



Above: Runners Up of Alder Park Women's Triples Penny Elliott, Kath Walters and Judy O'Brien.

LEMON TREE PASSAGE WOMEN

By Anne Cheetham, C.O.



Above: 2022 Lemon Tree Passage Women's Christmas Party



Above: Jeanette McClure (LTPWBC Vice President) presenting Margaret Lewis with her 50year Membership Certificate

Welcome back to bowls for 2023 – we hope this will be a safe, happy, healthy and memorable year for all bowlers and their families. We especially send our prayers, thoughts and get well wishes to our **President Annette Davis** who will be back soon “to keep us on the straight and narrow!!” or at least the right “line and length”.

Congratulations to **Margaret Lewis** who was presented with her certificate for **50 Years** continuous membership of Women's Bowls NSW – a great milestone.

Again the generosity of Lemon Tree Passage women bowlers was evident when we donated **\$1,000** to the **Eugowra Flood Appeal** at the end of last year.

Our **Major Singles** have started as well as the **Mixed Pairs**. Good luck to everyone competing especially some for the first time.

Welcome to **Carol Henderson and Lyn Davies** to the **Social Committee**. It is good to see “newer” bowlers getting involved in the running of our club.

Our **Invitation Triples** will be held on 6th February- hopefully the weather will be kind to us and all our visitors.

DAVE BURNETT MID-SUMMER TWILIGHT TRIPLES STOCKTON



Above: Winners of Dave Burnett Mid-Summer Twilight Triples at Stockton: Tony Baker, Jeff Baker and Rod Cue

The “Mid-summer Twilight Triples” sounds dreamy doesn't it? Just thinking about it conjures the warmth of the afternoon sun on your skin... a gentle ocean breeze taking the edge off, the taste of a refreshing beer going down, laughs and smiles with great company and that unique salty ocean scent in the air that reminds you THIS is what life's all about!

Alas mother nature is a little confused at the moment and neglected to play her role in this magnificent scene!! Instead, bowlers were treated to a more dreary version of events with rain reducing play to 8 ends each evening. Thank you to all players who persevered with the conditions and to organisers who managed to bring about a conclusion with all the interruptions.

Going into the last round six teams were undefeated. Shaun Richards had just come off a 20 shot win in the second match which promoted him to the top of the leaderboard. He was closely followed by Tony Baker, then Dick Hadley and Warren Shipley who all had healthy margins. Darren Mehan and John Prices' side's had low margin wins but were still in with a chance.

In the washup Richards lost by 1 shot, but managed to hold onto fourth place! Hadley went down 3 shots and finished just out of reach of the prize purse and Mehan followed suit with a 5

shot loss. Of the remaining contenders Baker stormed home with a +12 win to take the major prize money whilst Price and Shipley battled it out for second - Price prevailed by 3 shots in another tight match. Shipley didn't go home empty handed though, earning a best performed prize for Round 2. Interestingly, third place was snavelled by John Fibbons composite side who flew under the radar with a win/draw/win. Well done to all placegetters full team names listed below.

Winners: Tony Baker, Jeff Baker and Rod Cue (Stockton/ Tea Gardens); **Second:** John Price, Steve Brown and Col Firkin (Stockton); **Third:** John Fibbins, Geoff Cox and David Rose (Stockton, Warners Bay, Toronto); **Fourth:** Shaun Richards, Tim Malone and Brad Parker (Raymond Terrace). **2nd Round Consolation:** Warren Shipley, Paul Russell and G. Chatham (Soldiers Point) +14; **3rd Round Consolation:** Troy Barry, G. Dobson and Mick Cooper (Beresfield) +11 (countback)



Above: John Price, Steve Brown and Col Firkin – Runners-up in the Dave Burnett Mid-Summer Twilight Triples at Stockton:



Above: John Fibbins, Geoff Cox and David Rose – third place in the Dave Burnett Mid-Summer Twilight Triples at Stockton:



Above: Shaun Richards, Tim Malone and Brad Parker – fourth place in the Dave Burnett Mid-Summer Twilight Triples at Stockton:

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<p>TUESDAY</p> <p>FRIDAY</p> <p>SATURDAY</p>	<p>9:30am: Nom. Triples (mufti)</p> <p>9:30am: Nom. Triples (mufti)</p> <p>1:00pm: Nom. Triples (Mufti)</p>
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Bistro Boss

Open Wednesday to Sunday from 5:30pm

\$10.00 Schnitzelnite every Wednesday night
Schnitzel, Chips & Salad.
Also \$12 Pasta.

Tickets on sale from 4pm
Drawn Friday 6pm
Sunday 5:30pm

SPECIAL EVENTS
Bumper meat Raffles:
Friday & Sunday

Club available for Function Bookings
Club KENO - All Welcome
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KAHIBAH WOMEN

By Margaret Yarrow, C.O.

A big welcome back to all our members who we hope are full of enthusiasm for 2023 and the upcoming fixtures. All the Christmas festivities and New Year are behind us so time to concentrate on enjoying our Bowling. It is so important to enjoy win or lose. Thanks to our Social Committee for our Christmas activities and Beryl for the special games. The best Christmas outfit was won by Maree dressed as a Chrissy Tree, very clever. There will be no Ladies Pennants this year. Maybe. a Mixed team. The club 4s will commence 7th February. Good luck to those nominating. Waterfall Triples will be held 27th February. Picnic Lunch, Food may also be purchased at the Club. Names to Glenice 0408 451 939 please. The next in house event is Silver Service Day 4th April. We will have celebrated Vonnice and Beth's 90th Birthdays by the time this goes to press so more re that special event next issue. Happy days Good Bowling.

Below: Kahibah Bowls Ladies Celebrate Christmas 2022



Where to Get a Game

NEWCASTLE

Sunday Monday Tuesday

Adamstown 4957 3447			9:30am Mens 3's Gala
Bar Beach 0434 634 193 0427 746 300	9:15am Club Championships as scheduled		9:00am Ladies Gala - mufti
Beresfield 4966 3574	9:00am or 1pm Club Championships	Names by 8:30am 9:00am Mens Nom. 2's Mufti Jackpot 5:00pm Mixed Gala	9:30am Ladies DFP uniforms
Cardiff 4954 7244	1:00pm 3rd Sunday Monthly Mixed 4's - Mufti	Names by 4:00pm	10:00am Ladies Mixed DFP 9:30am DLS
Carrington 4961 4140	1:00pm Meat Raffle	Happy Hour 4:30 - 5:30pm	9:30am Bowls Gala 10:00am Yoga 4:30-5:30pm Happy Hour
Edgeworth 4958 1994	Club Championships, 9:30am Special Events, Check Noticeboard		9:30am Names in by 8:45 Ladies Gala
Hamilton Nth. 4961 4574			12:30pm Mufti Cash Gala
Heaton BGBC Jesmond Bowls 4955 8725	Club Games		9:30am Mixed Jackpot 3's Creams DFP Picnic Lunch
Hexham 4964 8079	9:30am Hexham Greys All welcome MIXED MUFTI		6:00pm Open Gender Mufti DFP
Lowlands 4929 3046	9:30am Mens Club Games 12:00noon Social Bowls	9am Mixed Beginners-tuition, equip supplied 4:30pm - 6:30pm HAPPY HOUR	Ladies Day 4:30pm - 6:30pm HAPPY HOUR
Mayfield West 4968 3202	9:30am Club Games		6:00pm Mixed Gala
Merewether 4963 1461	4-7pm Live Music		
Wallsend 4950 1222	Club Games	CLUB CLOSED	CLUB CLOSED
Waterboard 4957 2155			9:30am Nom. 3's Mufti

LAKE MACQUARIE

Belmont Golf & Bowls 4945 4348		9:30am-5pm Roll-ups	9:30am Ladies Gala DFP Mufti
Boolaroo 4958 1058			9:30am Ladies Gala
Dora Creek 4970 5694		9am Ladies Gala / Uniform	1:30pm Coaching
Kahibah 4943 2987	9:30pm Club Championships		10:00am Ladies Mufti DFP 3's Gala

BELMONT GOLF & BOWLS

By Panda

Happy New Year Everyone! 2023 will be a massive year for Belmont, we have already hosted ladies district Quarter finals in the fours and having 2 of our sides represent us in the finals of the open and seniors congratulations to all the women involved and all our volunteers to make these days run smoothly.

Club championships are going great guns with major single up to the semis only leaving the major pairs and the mixed events.

Major Singles Is up to Semi-final stage to be played after the AGM 5th of Feb 12:30pm with Joel Roche vs Col Heaton in one

semi and Grant Seal awaiting the winner of Ben McAlpine v Mick Wilks. Col having a fairly close battle with Ray Nunn in the Qtr final getting over the line 25-19, Geoff Bullock pushed Joel Roche all the way 25-24 in what was an absolute ripper of a game and Grant received a forfeit.

Pennants is on the horizon for us and the club and players are gearing up and getting excited for the season. With Pennant trials in house, against valentine on Friday night the 27th of Jan with all 3 sides participating.

We are hosting ladies district singles on the 8th of February also in what will be a big morning. Don't forget also Mens AGM on Sunday the 5th of FEB 10:30am



Brett O'Farrell
Warren Shipley
Ross Gardner

Legend: 2's = Pairs,
 3's = Triples,
 DFP = Draw for Partner

CEO Hunter Academy of Sport
 Administrator NDBA
 Chairman NDBA Junior Bowls

SE = Single Entry Accepted
 CS = Club Selected

● Only during Day Light Savings Time

4926 4892
 4929 3441
 0409 995 111

SNE = Single Name Entry

NEWCASTLE

Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

1:00pm Men's 3's Gala Mufti	9:30am Ladies Gala Mufti	9:30am Mens 3's Gala	1:00pm Mixed 3's Gala Mufti
1:00pm Men's J/pot Mufti, 3's	9:30am Mixed DFP Mufti	9:00am Men's DFP Mufti 2's Jackpot	1:00pm Mixed Gala 3's Mufti
9:30am Bingo	6:00pm Men's Mufti 3's	9:30am Mens Mufti 3's	12:30pm ALTERNATE Nom. Mens 3's Creams DFP Men's Creams
6:00pm Raffle: Legs Lamb	9:30am Bowls Gala	10am Adult Colouring	1:00pm Men's Jackpot 3's Gala
Happy Hour 4:30 to 5:30pm	10:00am Yoga	6:00pm Monster Meat Raffle	10am cash @ the cove bowls tournament 1pm voucher raffle
9:00am names in by 8:45 Mens Gala	Happy Hour 4:30 to 5:30pm	Happy Hour 4:30 to 5:30pm	1:00pm Mens Gala \$ prizes + J/pot
9:30am Mens 3's Mufti SE	6:00pm Social Mixed Bowls names in by 5:30	9:00am names in by 8:45 Mens Gala	1:00pm Jackpot Gala
	9:30am Triples	9:30am Pairs or Triples	1:00pm Mixed 3's Mufti SE
	6pm Jackpot Gala men or mixed		1:00pm Open Nom Triples: Bowls Attire Last Sat. of month: Open Mufti DFP
	Ladies Club Games		
9:00am Mens Mufti 3's gala prizes all winners Cash Jackpot (light lunch provided)	10:00am Open Gender DFP Bowls Names by 9:30 Attire	1:00pm Mens Mufti 2-4-2 gala Meat Raffle, Jackpot draw	Social Bowls
	Ladies Day	9:30am Open 3's Mufti Gala	1:00pm Open Nom. 3's Mufti
	5:00pm Twilight roll-up	9:00am Men's 3's Gala Mufti	1:00pm Mixed 3's Gala Mufti
1:00pm Men's 3's Gala Mufti	9:30am Vets Gala	5:15pm Raffles	1:00pm Men's. 3's Gala Creams
9:30am Ladies Gala	9:00am Ladies Gala	1:00pm Open Triples Mufti	1:00pm Men's Nom. 3's Mufti
1:00pm Mens 2's Mufti	9:00am 2-4-2 Mixed last Thurs. of the month	9:30am Nom. 3's Mufti	
	10:00am Mens .3's Mufti		

LAKE MACQUARIE

9.30-5pm Roll-ups	9:30am Ladies Gala Smart Casual	10am-12pm Introduction Gala learners and coaching	12.30pm Men's Nom. 3's
5.30pm Summer Breeze Twilight	12:30pm Mens Nom. Pairs		1:00pm Men's 2's Mufti
	9:30am Men's 3's Mufti		1:00pm Ladies 2's Mufti
9:00am Mixed Mufti DFP	● 5:00pm Mens Gala 2's White Shirt/Mufti		9:00am Mens Gala White Shirt/Mufti
9:30am Mens Mufti 3's Gala		10am Kahibah Retired Bowlers	1:00pm Mens 3's Mufti

HEATON BIRMINGHAM GARDENS WOMEN By Robyn Collin

Happy New Year and welcome back. We are optimistic that 2023 will be kinder to us health and weather wise. Our Club Championships will not begin until February so it is good to see our ladies enjoying the Tuesday galas.

Invitation Days for 2023 are Local Hearing Aid Specialists Invitation Fours on Friday 17 February, Priceline Pink Oncology Day Fours Friday 14 July (may include one man in team who must play lead) no uniform wear something pink and Pettigrews Rainbow Day Fours 13 October 2023 no uniform wear rainbow coloured

clothing. In all our Invitation days we play two games of ten ends, one on the grass, one on the synthetic, Picnic Lunch with morning tea at 9. am and games start at 9.30 am.

The first Invitation Day for this year is the Local Hearing Aid Specialists Invitation Fours on Friday 17 February. Uniform is not compulsory but please wear approved casual bowls clothing. Enquiries please ring Joan Hancock 4952 4532. We hope that you can join us.

Sunday Monday Tuesday

Rathmines Memorial 4975 1955

Redhead 4942 6022

Teralba 4958 1407

Valentine 4946 7232

Warners Bay 4948 8866

Windale/Gateshead 4965 7888

Club Games

Club Championships Uniform

Men & Women Club Championships

Roll-ups available

9:30am Ladies Day Uniform

9:30am Men's Gala

9:30am Ladies Gala **Mufti** & Championships Uniform

PORT STEPHENS

Fingal Bay Ladies 0411 936 055
Men 0403 668 995

Lemon Tree Passage 4982 4800

Nelson Bay 4981 3332

Raymond Terrace 4987 2404
4983 1647

Soldiers Pt. 4982 7173

Stockton 4920 1999

Call to see if something is on, or check notice board

12:00pm Mixed 3's Mufti
4 April / 2 May

Club Championships

9:30am Club Championships

1:00pm Club Championships

Mixed 4's - Third Monday in
Jan / Mar / June / Sept.

10:00am Open 2's DFP Mufti

Roll-ups on carpet green

9:30am Flexi Day 1st Mon. in Month

9:30am Names by 8:30 Ladies Gala

1:00pm Names by 12 Mens Mufti

10:00am Ladies

2:00pm Roll Up

9:30am Ladies Bowls

9:30am Ladies Day

10:00am Ladies Bowls

10:00am Ladies Day

5:00pm Twilight Social

HUNTER

East Cessnock 4990 1444

East Maitland 4033 1116

Kurri Kurri 4936 4089
4937 1676

Bowls Office 4939 1218
Maitland City 4939 1200

Bowls Office 4933 6039
Lorn Park 4933 6869

10am start Open DFP Mufti

Introductory Bowls 2pm - 4pm

names by 9 9:30am start Ladies DFP 2's
Jackpot Mufti

District Games / Club C/Ship

Check Board

1pm start Mens 3 Bowl 2's DFP

names by 9 9:30am start Mens DFP 2's J/Pot Mufti

10am start Open DFP

names by 9 9:30am start Mixed Mufti J/Pot DFP 2's

9:30am Open DFP 2's Mufti

UPPER HUNTER

Scone 6545 1511

names by 9 9:30am Mixed Triples Mufti
1:30pm FREE Coaching & Training

names by 12:30 start 1:00pm Jock & Dave's
Mens Triples Mufti

MANNING

Taree Leagues 5561 9058

Names by Noon
1pm Open Mufti

Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

9:00am	Men's Mufti 3's			9:00am	Mixed Mufti 3's	12:30pm	Mens Mufti
9:30am	Ladies Gala	1:00pm	Retired Bowlers	9:30am	Men's Gala	1:00pm	Mixed Gala
9:30am	Men's Nom. 3's Mufti			4:00pm	Men's Nom. Pairs Mufti	1:00pm	Men's Nom. 3's Mufti
9:30am	Men's Social Mufti	9:30am	Ladies Gala Mufti & Ch/Ships uniform	9:30am	Men's Social Bowls Mufti	1:00pm	Men's Social - uniform
1:00pm	Men's Social Mufti	● 5:00pm	Mixed Social Gala				Men & Women Club Championships
10:00am	Open Gala	10:30am	Open Gala			1:00pm	Open Gala
		5pm	Open Gala			1:00pm	Men's Mufti J/Pot Cash Gala
9:30am Names by 9:10	Men's Mufti Gala	● 5:30pm	Open Mufti Cash 3's	10:00am	Mixed retired bowlers Mufti Social		

PORT STEPHENS

1:00pm	Names by 11:30 Men's Mufti 3's	9:30am	Names by 8:30 Ladies Gale			1:00pm	Names by 11:30am Men's Uniform
1:00pm	Men's Mufti DFP	10:00am	Ladies	1:00pm	Men's Mufti DFP	1:00pm	Men's Bowls Creams
		5:00pm	Twilight Mixed Mufti names by 4:00				
1:00pm	Mens 3's Mufti	9:30am	Ladies Bowls	1:00pm	Jackpot 2's Mufti		
9:30am	Men's Pairs Mufti DFP	9:30am	Ladies Gala	2:00pm	Men's Nom. Pairs Jackpot - Mufti		Club Championships
		6:00pm	Twilight Nom. Open 3's Mufti	10:00am	Open Gala	1:00pm	Open Bowls Gala Bowls wear with BA Logo
1:00pm	Mens Bowls Mufti	10:00am	Ladies Bowls	1:30pm	Men's Mufti	1:00pm	Mens Bowls
1:00pm	Men's Gala 3's	10:00am	Ladies Day	1:00pm	Men's Gala 2's / 3's		

HUNTER

9:00am	Lady Bowlers	9:00am	Lady Bowlers	9:00am	Retired Bowlers	1:00pm	Open Pairs
1:00pm	Retired Bowlers	4:00pm	Open Pairs				
	Practice & Coaching	9:30am start	Women's Bowls Creams	10am start	Open DFP Mufti	1pm start	Open DFP
		1pm start	Mens Nom. 2's (Mufti)				
6:00pm names by 5:30	Mixed Twilight DFP 2's Mufti	10:00am names by 9:30	Ladies Social DFP	9:30am names by 9	Mens DFP j/pot 2's	1:00pm names by 12	Men's Pairs
4:30pm names by 10am	Open Nom. Triples	9:30am	Open DFP 2's Mufti	5:30pm	Open Nom. 2's (4 bowl)	1:00pm	Open DFP 2's
● name by 4:30 5:30pm	Mixed Mufti DPF 3 Bowls 2's	name by 12 1:00pm	4 Bowl Nom. 2's SE 1 x game 18 ends			name by 12 1:00pm	1st & 4th Sat. of each month 1 game 21 ends 2-4-2 4 bowl Nom 2's SE
						name by 12 1:00pm	2nd & 3rd Sat. of each month 1 game 21 ends 4 bowl Nom 2's SE

UPPER HUNTER

9:30am	Ladies	names by 6	names by 12:30
3:30pm	FREE coaching & training	6:30pm	Twilight Mixed Mufti
			1:00pm
			Mens 3's Mufti

MANNING

Names by 8:30	Names by Noon	Names by Noon
9:00am start	1pm start	1pm start
Ladies Bowls	Open Mufti	BA Logo - Open

KURRI KURRI

By The Loose Canon



Above: Carolyn Glen: Kurri Kurri Women's Major Singles Champion and qualifier for the Australian Indoor at Tweed Heads.



Above: Eugenie "Oosh" Muncaster: Kurri Kurri Women's Major Singles Runner-up and Australian Indoor Championship qualifier.



Above: Kurri Kurri's Leisa Morgan – qualifier for Australian Indoor Championships at Tweed Heads.



Above L-R: President Phil Shaw with Mark Holland and Dean Taylor Winners of Kurri Kurri's Australia Day Tournament

Hello Fellow Bowler! With this time of year you would think we haven't got much to report, but in Kurri's instance it's quite the opposite with plenty happening in all formats. So here they are and how our players have done with some fantastic achievements.

Firstly, our ladies major singles has been run and won with two of our state reps playing in the final. So Carolyn Glen took on Oosh Muncaster in a very much anticipated game to watch. Game went to and fro early, until Carolyn took a lead that Oosh could not peg back. Well done ladies and to Carolyn good luck at champ of champs in June.

Mens Major Singles are up to the semi-finals with A. Appleby playing G. Raymond and A. Rees v W. Rowbottom. Good luck gentlemen.

Australian indoors qualifying was played in January with 21 Kurri players nominated which is fantastic. With the ladies 5 players won their section and went into Sundays' knockout stage optimistic. With that, 3 ladies come out on top, with L. Morgan, E. Muncaster and C. Glen winning spots at Tweed Heads with 20 other players from all over the state. What an awesome achievement thus far and good luck at Tweed lady's.

With the men, 3 players won their section – A. Rees, S. Soper and K. Langley. K. Langley made it to the semi-final and A. Rees was defeated in final. A big thank you to all 21 players who represented Kurri. Great stuff.

With 2023 open pennants just around the corner, Kurri has just over 80 players nominated. That means we have 6 teams competing. With our trials on 4th Feb (2-7 grade) and 1 grade in feb- (Bero trials) we are going to be primed and ready to go.

We have 11 players nominated and ready to go in the state bowling arm title to be held 13/14 Feb across 5 clubs. Good luck to all the gents involved.

With the Zone 2 challenge kicking off for the first time with round 1 – March 1st, Kurri will have 3 grades representing over the 6 weeks on Wednesdays. All players are looking forward to competing Wednesdays again and we have over 30 ladies and men nominated. With set play-pairs triples and fours format, zone 2 has come up with a fresh and competitive draw to look forward to.

Lastly, we just completed our annual Australia Day Men's Pairs Tourney. With a full field of 36 teams all was looking great for a fantastic tourney. Unfortunately the weather reached over 36 degrees and the match committee had to make some changes to

round 3. With only games that had to be played went out, the knockout stage was down to 4 teams. Results are-equal 3rds- Wilbur, C. Kamine and B. Turner and D. Morrison. 2nd – S. Soper and A. Rees with our 2023 winners being M. Holland and Dean Taylor. Congratulations to all players and a big thank you to all teams who accepted the changes due to the heat. Our Anzac Day Tournament promo will be out in next months issue.

On behalf of the KKBC members – have a great 2023 and we are very much looking forward to catching-up on the greens over the following months with all other clubs. Big year coming up bowlers for all clubs as calender is chockas.

See you all soon.

The loose cannon.



Above: Runners-up in Kurri Kurri's Australia Day Tournament Shane Soper and Andrew Rees



Above L-R: President P. Shaw with Equal Thirds in Kurri Kurri's Australia Day Tournament Corey Kamine, Wilbur, Darren Morrison and Brodie Turner

RAYMOND TERRACE WOMEN

Debbie Fulton, Publicity Officer



Above: Winners of Raymond Terrace Women's Club Triples Charlotte Hayman, Pat Skinner and Lynne Thompson

Happy New Year to all the bowlers out there, let's hope it's a happy and healthy 2023 for all of us!

Winners of our Club Championships Open Triples played in December 2022 were, Charlotte Hayman, Pat Skinner and Lynne Thompson with Runners Up, Kim Dunster, Jenny Roots and Deb Whelan, well done to you all.

We are all back on the greens with a few new faces as well, which is great to see and our first Club Championship for this year is the Novice Singles which will be played next week. That's all from the Terrace for now.



Welcome back and I hope everyone had a great Christmas break.

Some upcoming dates for your calendar.

7th February – Management Meeting for ALL clubs
10th February – Closing date for Open / Senior / Reserve Singles
11th – 12th February – Zone Open / Senior / Reserve Fours
25th February – Round 1 Open Pennants.

Good luck to all players in the Open Pennants and Zone Fours.
 Look forward to seeing you all on the bowling green during 2023.

SCONE

By Phil Moore, C.O.



Above: Winner of Scone Minor Singles Tony Rein (Left) with Runner Up Wayne Hartley (Right)

Minor singles concluded on the 18 December with Tony Rein defeating Wayne Hartley 25 to 15. Congratulations Tony.

What a week for Scone Bowlers. The Open Fours was concluded on Wednesday 18 January with Tony Walters (skip), Ken Wells (3rd), Anthony Hill, (2nd) and Phil Moore (lead) won 25 to 15 over Ricky Lawrence (skip), Damian Saunders (3rd), Ben Nicholson (2nd) and Lance (Mungo) Munn as lead. This game saw Ben Nicholson's departure from Scone Bowling Club after stellar service in Championship and 3 Grade Pennant over several years. Good luck in Forbes.

Saturday 21 January saw the conclusion of the mixed fours championships with The Saunders family of Damian, his Dad Wayne and Mum, Vicki ably assisted by Di Pund being victorious by 1 shot over veteran John Day, Prue Harrington (3rd), Don Manning (2nd) and Sandra Graham subbing for Di McLoughlin. Entertaining game with the score locked at 17 all on 20 ends. But one of the most improved players in the club, Wayne Saunders got one into the head and that was enough. Congratulations on a wonderful final.

SOLDIERS POINT WOMEN

By Wendy O'Brien, P.O.

2022 was a year of achievements for Soldiers Point, and it ended on another high with Vacie McIntyre, Betty Herbertson and Jan Sutherland winning the District and Regional Senior Triples, while the team of Melissa Witts, Leisa Burton and Kerry Peddar was runner up to Raymond Terrace in the District Open Triples. Congratulations to these teams on their achievements.

It was a grey and rainy day that Soldiers Point celebrated the official unfurling of the pennants flag for Division 1 District and Regional winners, and Division 2 District winners, but the atmosphere at the club was anything but grey. Ian, the Scottish piper led the two teams from the green to the flagpole where the hoisting of the flags took place aided by NDWBA President Marion Wilson, our president Yvonne Corcoran and Mark Watt Bowls Director. This was followed by a generous lunch provided by our club, with special guests SPBC President Jim Richardson,

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Above: Top Division 1 L-R: Pamela Stephenson, Jan Sutherland, Betty Herbertson, Leisa Burton, Cheryl Field, Melissa Witts, Adelle Pearson, Julie Schumacher (absent). Lower - Division 2: L-R Maria Barrett, Rosita Kamis, Rosita Ryan, Sandra Ball, Alison Moxey, Lyn Hinton, Robyn Flanagan, Vacie McIntyre (absent).

NDWBA's Marion Wilson and Vicki Rankin. Everyone toasted the players and achievements, and thanked the committees and our club, who make it possible to turn up every week to play bowls.

Our Christmas party day was full of colour, frivolity and sparkly headbands. Some turned up for some not-too-serious bowls to start with, followed by a scrumptious lunch with many frocking up and ready to party. Everyone enjoyed the laughs and friendship marking the end of a great year.

Competition will be underway soon, as club major singles are due to start 2 February, followed by minor singles on 21 February. The club will host Prestige Pairs on 18 and 19 February. Looking forward to another year of enjoyable bowls.

WALLSEND WOMEN

By Patricia McAllister P. O.

Our Gala Days returned on Wednesday 11th January to very favorable weather, drawing a good number of players who caught up with friends in the dining room after the game.

Our Christmas outing to the Wyong Milk Factory with lunch at the Tavern on 25th November was a relaxing day travelling from the club by bus. Members are looking forward to where we will go this year.

Don't forget, get your name in to Dianne Cass (Games Committee) Mob. 0466 030 686 or Home 4027 5981 for our **"GREEN ON THE GREEN"** Saint Patrick's Day 4's on Friday 17th March.

Prizes for **"Teams Dressed in Green"** and **"Individual Best Dressed Player"**. Morning tea served at, 9am game commencing at 9.30am. Great Raffles, 100 Club and Tombola.

Our next Invitation 4's will be a Right Royal Day on Friday 16th June, 2023. Followed by Christmas Theme on Friday 3rd November, 2023.

Good Bowling.



Above: Piper leads the teams, and flags are hoisted by President Yvonne Corcoran and NDWBA president Marion Wilson



Above: Christmas party shenanigans.



HUNTER RIVER DISTRICT WOMEN

Hunter River District Fours championship were played at Telarah Bowling Club 22nd to 25th November. Players competed in either Open or Senior sections. Congratulations to our winners and runners up (players listed in team photo's)



Above: Winner of HRDWVA Open 4s Kurri Kurri Nikki Ware, Leanne Chenoweth, Eugenie Muncaster and Leisa Morgan.



Above: Runners up of HRDWVA Open 4s Maitland City Shendelle Smith, Louise Bishop, Michelle Niznik and Kerry Seers.

DORA CREEK WOMEN

By Janice Rhodes, P.O.



Above: Maria Hopwood presenting Annette Clarke with her certificate.

After a very successful 2022 our ladies are all happy to be back in the swing of things. We are looking forward to the Minor Championships being played. This should prove to be a very close game with a younger person playing experience. The participants are Jann McCarthy and Carol Brown. Good luck to both girls.

At our end of year celebrations, our secretary, Maria Hopwood, presented 4 of our members with long term membership certificates, on behalf of Bowls NSW. The recipients were Della Davies - 30 years, Maureen Blakeney - 30 years. (Photos not available for these 2 ladies), Beryl Adams - 20 years and Annette Clarke - 10 years. What an achievement.

Dora Creek has been fortunate to have some younger ladies join our club in the past year or 2, and some are holding positions on our committee and sub committees which is very pleasing.

As we start our New Year, we look forward to hosting and visiting in 2023. A Happy New Year to all fellow bowlers.

By Maria Malcolm



Above: Winners of HRDWVA Senior 4s Beresfield Patricia Pascoe Helen Russell, Narelle Bunt and Suzan Adams



Above: Runners Up of HRDWVA Senior 4s Maitland City Lynette Strickleton, Christine Harmer, Elizabeth Clarke and Marion Crump.

VALENTINE WOMEN

By Donna Owen, C.O.



Above: Gwen Gould who has been nominated for the Lake Macquarie Senior of the Year and the Lake Macquarie Volunteer of the Year



Above: President Lorraine Davies presenting Noelene Wilson with the Edith Gault Award

The Edith Gault Competition for bowlers with under five years' experience was won by Noelene Wilson, and the runner up was Vicki Elbourne. There were many close games, and the ladies played some excellent ends.

The LMDWBA Open 4s was won by the Valentine team of Trixie Stauble, Alina Miklosi, Wendy Morrin and Maggie Johnston. Congratulations ladies on this great achievement. The final of the LMDWBA Senior and Open Singles will be held at Valentine on the 10th February.

Valentine farewelled Life Member Betty Searant who passed away in December. Betty was a former President, Vice President and Coach, who held many other positions in our club. She will be sorely missed by all.

Congratulations to Jenny Baldwin and Andrew Hanlon who defeated Barbara Bell and Bob Hathaway in the Club

Championship Mixed Pairs.

Gwen Gould has been nominated for the Lake Macquarie Senior of the Year and Lake Macquarie Volunteer of the Year. She has not only worked tirelessly for our club, but also for Lakeside Netball Association. We are very proud of Gwen.

NSW WOOMERAS BOWLING ARM CALENDAR

By Allan Starrett



The 2023 NSW Open Bowlers Arm Singles Tournament will be conducted on Monday 13th and Tuesday 14th February at 5 host clubs to accommodate the 110 entrants from all over the state. East Maitland, Beresfield, Hexham, Kurri and Cardiff are looking forward to welcoming players to this important annual event.

Players are required to arrive at their randomly selected venue at 8.30 am to play the first of 4 games of 11 ends commencing at 9.00am. According to their performance ranking on the first day, players will be then be directed to sectional play at listed clubs. All players are required to play both days.

Selection of the 2023 NSW Woomeras team to play in Devonport in September will commence on Monday 9th March. Notification to successful team members will be made subsequent to that process.

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2023 NSW Open Bowlers Arm Singles Tournament 1st Day Playing Venue Randomly Selected Placements

East Maitland	Beresfield	Hexham	Kurri Kurri	Cardiff
Jenni Flynn	Frank Garment	Ian Macrae	Daryl Holmes	Paul Butler
John Maughan	Dean Morgan	Mike Dicken	Chris Brown	Robert Pinfold
Glen Douglas	Stan Wrzeczycki	Steve Gilchrist	Steve Campbell	Rocky Davis
Doug Price	Jeff Thorn	Brad Grant	Lynn Clancy	Frank Raczka
Loretta Bannister	Phillip Boyd	Pamela Stephanis	Mark Collin	Greg Danvers
Barry Winslade	Tony Colin	Jim Stephanis	Greg Molyneux	Byron Hoad
Graham Horn	Rob Peattie	Ian Percival	Wendy Kennedy	Greg Colin
Clay Parker	Richard Mulheron	Craig Thompson	John Mackenzie	Graeme Ash
Gavan Dunn	Jeff Gilmore	Jim Thomas	Paul Dodd	Peter Bird
Ken Phelps	Michael Beaumont	Glen Calnan	Pat Murphy	Jack Abbott
Mal Adams	Harold Ellercamp	Greg John	John Dempsey	John Wolfe
Jeff King	Pamela Maddock	Ken Martin	Barry Wrightson	Nicole Bell
Patricia Eakin	Billy Walsh	David Davis	Kaye Arnott	Wayne Dorney
Noel Barnsley	Glen Bookless	David Williams	Graeme Power	Dennis Ashbridge
Bill Wiltshire	Ruth Sutcliffe	Max Wilton	Larry Johnson	Jeff Myers
Neil Raphael	Kingsley Jolliffe	Wayne Parkinson	Warren Hepple	Ron Jones
Max Angwin	John Meatheringham	Bruce Edwards	Ian Laing	Brian Morton
Garry Ferguson	Andrew Capararo	Barry Johnston	Maurice Anlezark	Neville Beeton
Alec Buxton	Barry Boswell	Mark Bressington	John McKerrow	David Kime
John Bullock	Chris Campbell-Jones	Geoff Muggleton	Mick Kedwell	Ron Hourigan
Maggie Wilkins	Christopher Hodge	Cheryl Cook	Dorothy Dallas	Dean Collin
Gordon Wood	Warren Gallop	John Scanlon	Stuart Thompson	Keith O'Connor

Above: First day's player listing as at 25 January 2023

KOTARA WOMEN By Maree Harman



Above L-R: Kotara Women's Major Singles Champion Marilyn Unsted and finalist Leanne Kerby.



Above L-R: Kotara Rookie contenders Glen Dewhurst and Steve Storrie.

An exciting Major Singles Final was contested on 20 December between Leanne Kerby and Marilyn Unsted, with Marilyn prevailing as our 2022 Club Champion. This was a first for Marilyn, having been the bridesmaid three times, with Leanne having previously won a total of three.

Also congratulations to Steve Storrie who competed in the final of the Newcastle District Rookies Singles. And as well, being a finalist in the Pairs, playing with another up and coming Rookie, Glen Dewhurst.

As a matter of interest, Steve was one of two Knights Under 19s, playing for the Australian Schoolboys against Great Britain at Marathon Stadium. They were the first two Knights players to play for Australia, and Mark Sergeant being the first Kangaroo.

BERESFIELD WOMEN

By Diane Ross, C.O.

Welcome to the 2023 bowls year. I hope everyone had a great Christmas and looking forward to our coming year of bowls!!

A recap on the closing days of 2022!! The great news for our Ladies Bowls was our Club Presentation Night where Pam Stephanis was named as our Lady Bowler of the Year. Congratulations Pam!! What a popular win and what a wonderful bowls year Pam had in 2022. Well done, Pam!!



Above: Beresfield Women's Bowler of the Year 2021-2022 Pam Stephanis.

Also, the District 4s Championships were played last November at Telarah BC. With a nail-biting last end of 22 all, an additional end had to be played! Our ladies - Pat Pascoe, Helen Russell, Narelle Bunt and Sue Adams – winning by two points. What an excellent win and congratulations to our 2022 Senior 4s District Champions! (see photo in with the Hunter River District Women's news)

The State Pennant Playoffs were also held in November

last year as teams travelled from across New South Wales to represent their regions at various locations. Our Grade 3 Team 2 travelled to Bomaderry to play for the Hunter River District. Our teams consisted of Helen Russell, Pat Pascoe, Narelle Bunt and Lorraine Humbles; Betty Wilmen, Kay Jarrett, June Evans and Margaret Boan with reserves Diane Ross and Lyn Pickett. The level of play was outstanding with our team doing well in the rounds but unfortunately did not make the Quarter Finals but all agreed that it was a wonderful experience! Congratulations to the overall winner of Grade 3 State Pennants – Yamba!

We finished off the year during our last week of 2022 with a Christmas picnic lunch and a mixed breakup Christmas party. Both events were very well-supported by our Club members as we party-ed our way into 2023!

Now we have survived the hectic Christmas madness and danced our way into 2023, I am sure we are all keen to "get back on the green" for another challenging year of bowls!!

Good bowling to all! Diane

MEREWETHER WOMEN

By Rosemary Allars, C.O.



Above L-R: Merewether Invitation Day Winners Stockton: Jan Robertson, Vicki Marshall & Jill Young.

Our Invitation Day was held on the 5th December 2022. The weather was perfect, with a clear sunny day. The theme was, Twelve Days of Christmas. 1 x 18 ends, triples, with a delicious lunch and plenty of raffle prizes. The winners were Stockton (Jill Young, Jan Robertson and Vicki Marshall). 2nd Place was Lemon Tree Passage (Kath Rados, Delma Price & Anne Cheetham). Consolation prize won by Cardiff (Jennifer Penman, Terrie Anne Jones and Di Moore).

"Back to Merewether for Steve Rowe" was held on 13th November 2022. A very fun and successful day for a social bowls tournament.

The ladies Xmas Shindig was held on 15th December 2022. A great end of year celebration with dress ups, games, Stealing Secret Santa and delicious lunch. So much fun.

The Merewether Bowling Club community is saddened at the passing of Walter Stefanyzyn (Past President), David Hogg (long-time bowls member), John Lochrin (Life Member) and George Cembala. They will all be missed. Sincere sympathy to their families.

REDHEAD WOMEN

By Jennifer Kenyon, PO

Happy New Year and hope everyone was able to spend some valuable time with family at Christmas, last year was a tough one for a few of our Ladies and we hope that 2023 will be brighter for all. At the end of last year our Ladies enjoyed a Christmas luncheon provided by our own Seaside Fusion and being entertained by Elvis (aka Wayne Cooper) which was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended.

We finished off the year with our Christmas Gala with everyone getting into the Christmas spirit. There were no presentations as not all Club games have been finalised.

This year some of our Ladies participated in the District Open 4's and although Anne, Sue, Kathy and Jen got through to the Semi's on a forfeit they performed well and only went down by 4. The next competition will be the District Singles to be played early February and wish Donna all the best.

We are always looking for new Members and those who are not



Above: Merewether Ladies Xmas Shindig



Above: Beresfield Women's State Pennant team Grade 3 Team 2



Above: Christmas celebrations at Redhead

enjoying their Club experience elsewhere then come to Redhead we have great greens and enjoy a great social atmosphere as well as enjoying competition. Yes we play on Wednesdays and can play on Fridays in the open nominated triples Gala. If you are a female and do want to transfer to Redhead Women's then on Bowlslink the invitation should be to Redhead Women's - if you are Male then Transfer to Redhead Co op. Our fees are cheaper than some other Clubs and we don't have to put any money over the bar.

We are now looking forward to the Zone 2 Club Challenge commencing at the end of February and then the Open Pennants. So go Redhead.

Our thoughts are with those who have been on the sick list and hope 2023 is a healthier and a happier one for all.

Until next month good bowling



Above: Christmas celebrations at Redhead

BELMONT GOLF & BOWLS WOMEN

By Di Stockwell. P.O.



Above: Belmont Golf and Bowls Women's Club Champion Denise Walton



Above: Belmont Golf and Bowls Women's Major Singles Runner up Rosemary Wayland.

Dear members and fellow bowlers, another year is beginning, hope everyone had a fabulous Christmas and Happy New year to all.

Great start to 2023, Belmont had two teams reach the Final of the District Open & Senior Fours. Unfortunately both teams went down on the day but we all tried hard. Thank you Wangi for the hospitality on the day. The Open Fours side was Maureen Simpson, Dianne Stockwell, Julie Paterson and Gaye Brown. The Senior Fours side was Raewa Roe, Robyn Thurston, Sheryl Northey and Gladys Main (unfortunately Cheryl Smith Howell was ill and could not play - thank you Sheryl Northey for filling the position).

At the end of 2022 our Major Singles Championship was held. Congratulations to both Ladies who played in the Final. Our new Club Champion is Denise Walton and Runner up Rosemary Wayland great game Ladies. The game was played with great Sportsmanship.

In November Belmont held its Christmas Invitation Twilight fours. All players were dressed up in their Christmas attire. We thank our sponsors White Lady Funerals & McCloy Group for your continued support without these sponsors our days would not be held. The Winners were Valentine team of D. Owens, W. Lesniak, R. Campey and N. Wilson. Second went to the Halekulani team of S. Lauriston, D. McInnes, E. Martin and L. Young. Third was the Boolaroo side of C. Sager, S. Pyke, M. Barry and J. Baldwin. Congratulations to all winners. Spider winners were G. Sheeney, R. Sharkey, L. Pyle, L. Bourke. Thank you to all 15 visiting teams we look forward to your next visit.

Wishing all members a Happy Birthday for the months of January & February.

Good bowling, see you all O.T.G.

MARKS POINT WOMEN

By Helen Pucher, P.O.

Hope everyone has had a happy Christmas and good New Year break.

Our last competition of 2022 was the Club Championship Triples and the final was a most exciting game of bowls. It was such a close game with Kathy's experience just coming to the fore at the very end of the game, giving her team just a 2 point lead. Excellent bowls were played by both teams and it was a great game to watch. Congratulations to both teams.

Our Christmas Ham bowls day was a really good fun day with lots of lovely prizes. We had hams, pork roasts, Christmas cakes, in fact all the Christmas treats one can imagine. Most of us were lucky enough to score a prize and everyone looked good in their Christmas clothes. The photo above shows Roby Agosti and Nicole Bell, the two ladies chosen as best dressed and don't they just look great.

Our last event of the year, of course, was our Christmas Party which everyone enjoyed. Our Club Bistro served a lovely baked dinner with dessert. We also drew our Christmas Raffle which was a great success with lots of great Christmas hampers as prizes. The children from Marks Point Public school performed and kept us well entertained with their exciting dances. Thank you children.

Since our return to bowls for the 2023 year we had one team of T. Noble, H. Pucher, L. Huggins and H. Evans, participate in the Senior District 4's. They are to be congratulated on getting to the Semi Finals and only missed out by 2pts on the final end of the game. Congratulations to H. Wuro's team from Charlestown who went on the win this event.

Until next month we wish any of our members on the sick list a quick recovery. Good bowling and be kind to one another.



Above: Marks Point Women's Club 3's Runner-up L-R P. Peck (S), J. Allen and P. Finn with Winners N. Bell, S. Murray & K. McCloughlan (S)

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Above: Belmont Golf and Bowls Invitation Day winners - Valentine



Above: Belmont Golf and Bowls Invitation Day Runners-up - Halekulani



Above: Belmont Golf and Bowls Invitation Day Third Place getters - Boolaroo



Above: Marks Point Women's Christmas Party Entertainmentthe lovely children from Marks Point

Right: Best dressed at Marks Point Women's Christmas Ham Day Roby Agosti and R/up Nicole Bell



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BLOOMS THE CHEMIST MIXED PAIRS RAYMOND TERRACE



Above: Winners of Blooms the Chemist Mixed Pairs Jason Stokes and Pat Skinner (Jason was sub for Shane Evans on the final night).



Above: Kelly Giles and Shaun Richards Runners-up in Blooms the Chemist Mixed Pairs

Raymond Terrace's Blooms the Chemist Mixed Pairs was played over 4 Monday nights at the end of 2022. Players enjoyed a game each evening culminating on the 12th December with the presentation. It was an enjoyable and laid back experience and I can speak first hand as Dean and I decided to play for the first time ever!! We have played the odd fun game here or there, equating to around 3 or 4 times in the 22 years since we took over the magazine back in 2000. We have now effectively doubled our playing experience!

Being newbie bowlers, this gave our opposition a pretty good advantage. In fact, every single team that opposed us ended up taking the prize for Best Performed Round with the exception of Pat Skinner and Shane Evans in Round 3 who took out the major prize money. To their credit I must say that Shane and Pat won on their own merit, they would have taken the top prize in any case whether they beat us by 1 shot or the 24 shots.

Thanks to all our new friends that we played against for their patience, guidance and knowledge. Thanks also to Lennon who gave us a few pointers rolling up, and Clay Parker who gave us a whirlwind lesson on the "Fishlock Stance".

Now down to the nitty gritty. The top 5 teams going into the last round were the same 5 at the end, only the order changed a bit. Young guns Brendan Stokes and Zoe Nichols were leading overall, but dropped 3 to finish fifth. All the other teams won their final match with final placings as follows: **Winners:** Pat Skinner and Shane Evans (RayTer) 8+75; **Second:** Kelly Giles and Shaun Richards (RayTer) 8+50; **Third:** Sharon McReynolds and Shane Riley (RayTer) 8+43; **Fourth:** Tanya Ware and Ian Brown (Kurri Kurri) 8+21; **Fifth:** Zoe Nichols and Brendan Stokes (RayTer) 6+51; **Best Performed Round 1:** Dot and Leigh Povey (Hexham) +25; **Round 2:** Catherine Johnston and Ray Cooper (RayTer) +31; **Round 3:** Robyn Belcher and Ron Nelligen +21; **Round 4:** Deb Skinner and Dave Burgess (RayTer) +36.

If you have taken the time to tally those best performed scores in R1, 2 & 4 and add the 24 shots that we lost to Shane and Pat, I think we may have a record?? O-116 – can anyone beat that?!

AUSTRALIA DAY FOURS RAYMOND TERRACE



Above: Winners of Raymond Terrace Australia Day Fours Shane Riley, Brad Hickey, Blair Soars and Dave Burgess.



Above: Runners-up in Raymond Terrace Australia Day Fours Sam Laguzza, Lennon Scott, Lee Schraner and Matt Baus.



Above: Third Place in Raymond Terrace Australia Day Fours Clint Doust, Tim Twining, Brad Parker and Shaun Richards.

Raymond Terrace was straight back into it with their first tournament of the year with the Australia Day Fours. With over \$6,000 in prize money, this event attracts the cream of bowlers in Newcastle and surrounds. With such competition just two teams came through with an unblemished record. Congratulations to Blair Soars, Brad Hickey, Shane Riley and Dave Burgess (RayTer) who took the cake on 8+31. Sam Laguzza, Lennon Scott, Lee Schraner and Matt Baus (RayTer) were runner-up for the second year running on 8+21. (it's fours years in 2nd place for Sam, Lennon and Matt by the way). A daw in the last round against Terry Antram gave Shaun Richards, Brad Parker, Tim Twining and Clint Doust the edge they needed claim third place on 7+38, whilst Will Kirby, Hayden Bent, Jarrod Bent and Sean Cairns' draw in the second round against Mick Beesley secured them 4th place on 7+36. There were five 3 game winners in the mix for 5th and 6th place, but the teams with the best margins to take prize was Ian Lean, Clay Parker, Brendan Stokes and Jason Stokes on 6+35, followed by Corey Parker, Wayne Lambourne, Daniel Hoffman and Haydn Bojkowski on 6+28. Best Performed each round went to **Round 1:** Peter Roberts, Ching Li, Keith Bell and Peter Roberts (St Johns Park), **Round 2:** Cody Ross, Connor Freeman, Jordan Thompson and Lachlan Freeman (composite) +12; **Round 3:** Lance Jackson, Ken Morley, Mick Harriss and Brett Gleeson (RayTer) +20; **Round 4:** Steve Newman, Daniel Jessop, Jason Aurisch and Shannon White (Forster) +16. Thank you to all who participated and another job well done to Lennon and Matt who run a smooth scoreboard. The next tournament at Raymond Terrace isn't until June which will be a 1 Day Men's Pairs on the 23rd.